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# GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

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## ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, JUNE 1st, 1881.

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| M.W. | WILLIAM TAYLOR, B.A. | GRAND MASTER | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | THEODORE A. COSSMANN | DEPUTY G. MASTER | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | THOMAS R. HARRIS | SENIOR G. WARDEN | *Aylesford.* |
| R.W. | LORENZO F. DARLING | JUNIOR G. WARDEN | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | JAMES DEMPSTER | GRAND TREASURER | " |
| R.W. | BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L. | GRAND SECRETARY | " |
| R.W. | JOSEPH R. BENNETT | GRAND LECTURER | " |
| R.W. | REV. G. TOWNSHEND, M.A. | GRAND CHAPLAINS | *Amherst.* |
| R.W. | REV. D. C. MOORE | | *Stellarton.* |
| R.W. | REV. H. D. DEBLOIS, B.A. | | *Annapolis.* |
| R.W. | REV. C. BOWMAN, D.D. | | *Parrsboro'.* |
| R.W. | REV. RICHARD AVERY, M.A. | | *Aylesford.* |
| R.W. | REV. C. CHURCHWARD | | *Mahone Bay.* |
| R.W. | REV. S. GIBBONS | | *Baddeck, C.B.* |
| R.W. | REV. J. D. H. BROWNE | | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | REV. G. B. DODWELL, M.A. | | *Wilmot.* |
| V.W. | KENNETH J. McKENZIE | SENIOR G. DEACON | *Pictou.* |
| V.W. | WILLIAM H. TOWNSHEND | JUNIOR G. DEACON | *Parrsboro'.* |
| V.W. | JAMES MARTIN | G. SUPT. OF WORKS | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | W. E. STARRATT | G. D. OF CEREMONIES | *Paradise.* |
| V.W. | WILLIAM V. MURRAY | G. SWORD BEARER | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | SAMUEL PORTER | GRAND ORGANIST | " |
| V.W. | BENJAMIN H. LANDIS | GRAND PURSUIVANT | " |
| V.W. | JOHN DALEY | GRAND STEWARDS | *Digby.* |
| V.W. | DUNCAN McDOUGALL | | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | BENJAMIN N. DAVIS | | " |
| V.W. | JOHN R. GREEN | | *Stellarton.* |
| V.W. | J. E. HAMILTON | | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | JOHN McGILLIVRAY | | *New Glasgow.* |
| V.W. | JOHN M. TAYLOR | GRAND TYLER | *Halifax.* |

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## APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

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| R.W. | WILLIAM WILLIAMS | Dist. Dep. G. Master | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | JOSEPH R. WYMAN | " " | *Yarmouth.* |
| R.W. | AUBREY BLANCHARD | " " | *Windsor.* |
| R.W. | JOHN McGILLIVRAY | " " | *New Glasgow.* |
| R.W. | LT.-COL. C. CREWE-READ | " " | *Sydney, C. B.* |

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, A. D., 1881, A. L. 5881, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT:

R. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ELIAKIM E. TUPPER ..... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN ..... Grand Secretary.
R. W. LORENZO F. DARLING ..... Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. GEO. TOWNSHEND ..... Grand Chaplain.
V. W. T. R. HARRIS ..... Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JAMES DEMPSTER ..... G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. W. E. STARRATT ..... G Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. ARTHUR E. CURREN ..... Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. SAMUEL PORTER ..... Grand Organist.
V. W. W. V. MURRAY ..... Grand Steward.
V. W. JOHN DALEY ..... " "
V. W. G. H. FIELDING ..... " "
V. W. JAMES MCLEAN ..... " "
V. W. J. H. JOST ..... " "
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR ..... Grand Tyler.

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## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| R. W. J. R. Graham | Past Dep. Grand Master. |
| R. W. W. Taylor | " " " |
| R. W. C. J. McDonald | " " " |
| R. W. A. H. Woodill | " " " |
| R. W. J. Hudson | " " " |
| R. W. Benjamin Curren | Past S. Grand Warden. |
| R. W. William Williams | " " " |
| R. W. G. T. Smithers | " " " |
| R. W. James Gossip | " " " |
| R. W. William Holloway | Past J. Grand Warden. |
| R. W. John F. McDonald | " " " |

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## REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

R. W. George Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R. W. James Poyntz, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

R. W. W. Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Grand Orient of Costa Rica.

R. W. G. T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Benjamin Curren, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. James Hudson, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. J. F. McDonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. L. F. Darling, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. W. J. Gossip, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. A. H. Woodill, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. T. A. Cossmann, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

R. W. Lewis Johnstone, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

W. James McLearn, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

W. Henry S. Jost, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when forty-two Lodges were found represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in due form, and with prayer by W. Bro. Col. J. Poyntz, in the absence of the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by V.W. Bro. S. Porter, it was

*Resolved,* That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. McDonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported fifty-three Lodges entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1881 (they having complied with the requirements of Sections 26 and 28 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution), and the following Representatives and Past Masters in attendance:—

## REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.....S. Porter, W. M.
F. W. Jubien, S. W.
F. J. Bowles, J. W.
St. John's, No. 2.....G. H. Fielding, S. W.
C. C. Carter, J. W.
Virgin, No. 3.....J. Hicks, W. M.
W. Ross, S. W.
Unity, No. 4.....H. S. Jost, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Albion, No. 5.....J. McGillivray, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....D. McDougall, W. M.
St. Andrew's, No. 7.....C. Crewe-Read, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Acacia, No. 8.....C. R. Smith, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Burns, No. 10.....A. Waddell, W. M.
New Caledonia, No. 11....K. J. McKenzie, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Hiram, No. 12.....T. P. Crosby, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
Acadia, No. 13.....D. McAulay, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Acadia, No. 14.....O. M. Hill, W. M.
J. J. McKeil, S. W.
T. C. Allen, J. W.
Athole No. 15.....A. B. Wilmot, W. M.
B. H. Landis, S. W.
A. Mosher, J. W.
Keith, No. 16.....E. E. Tupper, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Keith, No. 17.....J. W. Crawford, W. M.
J. W. Heckman, S. W.
Union, No. 18.....C. F. Biddle, W. M.
F. G. D. Scotland, S. W.
W. T. Bailey, J. W.
Royal Albert, No. 19.....W. Proctor, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
St. George's, No. 20.....J. B. Davison, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Keith, No. 23.....J. R. Green, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Welsford, No. 26.....J. Poyntz, P. M., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
J. R. Cowen, P. M., proxy for J. W.
Scotia, No. 28.....A. B. Borden, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

St. Mark's, No. 35 .....L. G. Campbell, P.M., proxy for Lodge.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38..J. W. Longley, W. M.
J. E. Hamilton, S. W.
T. P. Healy, J. W.
Rothsay, No. 41.....W. E. Starratt, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Truro, No. 43.....H. T. Lawrence, P.M., proxy for Lodge.
Tyrian Youth, No. 45.....D. McAulay, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
Widow's Son, No. 48 .....W. McKay, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Western Star, No. 50 ....J. Roy, P. M., proxy for Lodge,
Eastern Star, No. 51.....A. McKay, W. M.
J. Simmonds, S. W.
J. White, J. W.
Harmony, No. 52.....H. J. Chute, W.M., proxy for Wardens.
King Solomon, No. 54 ....J. Daley, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Kentville, No. 58 .. .....J. E. Mulloney, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Sircom, No. 66.....L. J. Hart, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Minas, No. 67 .....W. H. Townshend, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Curren, No. 68 ..... ....A. McN. Grant, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Charity, No. 69 ..... ....J. W. West, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Laurie, No. 70.....S. D. Fraser, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Ionic, No. 73 ..... .....T. R. Ilsley, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
North Star, No. 74 .....I. D. Cook, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Wimburn, No. 75.....W. Oxley, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Wallace, No. 76.....J. D. Munro, W. M.
Geo. Batty, S. W.
J. L. McKim, P. M., proxy for J. W.

PAST MASTERS.

St. Andrew's.....A. H. Woodill.
J. Dempster.
T. Trenaman.
J. H. Jost.
J. M. Chase.
J. D. H. Browne.

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| St. John's | J. Martin. |
| | C. F. Vose. |
| | W. Ingles. |
| | I. J. Wylde. |
| Virgin | B. Curren. |
| | J. Gossip. |
| | T. Mowbray. |
| | C. E. Puttner. |
| | A. E. Curren. |
| Royal Sussex | J. M. Taylor. |
| | W. Holloway. |
| | J. McLearn. |
| | J. M. Mumford. |
| | D. L. Johns. |
| | G. J. Fluck. |
| Acacia (8) | C. J. Townshend. |
| Burns | W. Taylor. |
| | J. Fortune. |
| | S. Mosher. |
| | J. R. Bennett. |
| | J. H. Balcam. |
| Hiram (12) | J. R. Wyman. |
| Acadia, (14) | G. Fraser. |
| | J. Sutherland. |
| | A. McLeod. |
| | J. W. Ruhland. |
| | T. D. Spike. |
| | J. K. Bent. |
| Athole | C. J. McDonald. |
| | J. R. Graham. |
| | W. Williams. |
| Keith (17) | D. F. Douglas. |
| Union | P. E. McKerrow. |
| | W. B. Thomas. |
| | B. N. Davis. |
| Royal Albert | D. Lawlor. |
| Keith (23) | L. Johnstone. |
| | J. Hudson. |
| | W. McKenzie. |

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| LODGE OF ST. MARK | G. T. Smithers. |
| | T. A. Cossmann. |
| | L. F. Darling. |
| | K. J. Dolphin. |
| | W. V. Murray. |
| TRURO | H. McCallum. |
| WIDOW'S SON | J. C. Phillips. |
| EASTERN STAR | W. Pearce. |
| | J. Halliday. |
| HARMONY (52) | T. R. Harris. |
| KENTVILLE | G. R. Sangster. |
| CURREN | J. F. McDonald. |
| LAURIE | J. Cooper. |

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## APOLOGY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

The following letter from V. W. Bro. Duncan Robertson, Junior Grand Deacon, regretting his inability to attend the Annual Communication of 1881, was read, and ordered to be placed on file:

HAMILTON, 25th May, 1881.

*To the Grand Secretary, A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,—

Be so kind as to convey to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master my great regret that, owing to having been removed to the above city, I shall be unable to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge as J. G. Deacon.

For the same reason I shall be unable to act as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit.

Though so far removed as to be prevented from taking part in your deliberations, I shall, as W. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, take the greatest interest in the report of your proceedings; and with my most earnest wishes that your coming Communication may result in a satisfactory issue.

I remain,

R. W. Sir and Brother,

Very fraternally yours,

DUNCAN ROBERTSON,

*J. G. Deacon.*

Letters were also received from R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, D. D. G. Master, expressing much regret at being prevented from attending the present Communication.

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## SECTION 26, CHAPTER 14, SUSPENDED.

The following resolution was, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, seconded by Bro. W. H. Townshend, unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That Section 26, Chapter 14, of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, which precludes representatives of Lodges from voting in Grand Lodge unless their names have been returned to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May, be suspended during this Annual Communication; and that all lodges whose returns are now in be entitled to representation at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

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The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

R. W., V. W., AND W. BRETHREN,—

It becomes my duty, in restoring to you the trust committed to me a year ago, as well as the superadded trust of the last few months, contingent upon my having assumed the functions of Grand Master, to report to you my official acts, and to review briefly any occurrences which, during that period, have arrested the attention or affected the interests of the Craft in this Jurisdiction.

Of the first importance (involving as it does to us an almost irreparable loss) is the death of the late Most Worshipful Grand Master Allen Hill Crowe, which occurred in this city on the 10th November last.

Some few years ago, the venerable and respected Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia, M. W. Bro. Keith, was summoned to his eternal rest, full of years and honors, ripe for the sickle of the unsparing and impartial harvester.

To-day, we mourn the loss of one who was very dear to us all, who had but just commenced to enjoy the fruition of his masonic labors, cut down in the prime of life, by the same unsparing hand within a few months after his elevation by acclamation to the Grand East of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

With the brethren of the Mystic Tie, in this Province especially, the name of Allen Hill Crowe will be treasured and remembered as that of an honest man, an upright mason, and one of high repute as a masonic jurist; while through the

medium of his correspondence and contributions to the literature (so to speak) of this Grand Lodge, he was known and honored as a skilful and accomplished craftsman throughout the English speaking world.

The annals of Masonry in this, his native Province, are replete with the result of his labors, and many a page of the Proceedings of this M. W. Grand Lodge of N. S., supplies a lasting testimony to his untiring industry. It may indeed well be doubted whether there is an assemblage of masons on its roll whose members have not (at one time or another) drawn largely from the rich stores of his masonic erudition, or benefited by his wise counsel, sympathy or advice.

And now, brethren, we miss from his place in our midst, the familiar form of our late Most Worshipful Grand Brother; we miss the kindly word of greeting, the cordial grasp of welcome that endeared him so to all.

Saddening, however, as these reflections are, the memory of his many virtues and his upright life enable us to cherish the hope that, tho lost to us, our brother, the faithful craftsman has been transferred to brighter scenes; that to him, death, shorn of his terrors, appeared a welcome messenger, conveying to him the summons from the Grand Architect of the Universe to a higher and holier sphere.

Having had no intimation of his illness, the announcement by telegram (from the R. W. the Grand Secretary) of the death of the M. W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, came to me most startlingly, as well from its suddenness as from its serious import to the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction, and my first act upon assuming the functions of Grand Master was to reply to the despatch of the Grand Secretary, requesting that all steps necessary and usual on such mournful occasions should be taken.

It was exceedingly painful to me (in consequence of the terrible calamity to the community in which I reside, the frightful loss of life by the colliery explosion at the Albion Mines,) that I was prevented from paying the last tribute of respect to all that was mortal of our late M. W. Grand Master.

I presume it is scarcely necessary for me to ask the Grand Body to adopt such measures as they may deem most appropriate for the expression of their condolence and sympathy with the near relatives of our deceased brother, and for the perpetuation of his memory among us.

The obituary list of the past year includes other Grand Lodge officials.

The late R. W. Grand Chaplain, Henry Pryor Almon, has been called away after a protracted illness. For many years he was constant in his attendance upon Grand Lodge Sessions, and contributed largely by his counsel and admonitions to weld the links that bind the Craft in an united and harmonious brotherhood.

In the month of October last, our late Very Worshipful Brother James William Fraser, one of the Grand Stewards, fell a victim at the post of duty, one of a number of fatal casualties at the same time at the Albion Mines. Of irreproachable character, upright and honorable in every relation of life, energetic and well informed as a mason, his loss is deeply deplored in the section of country in which he lived.

I trust that a memorial page in the published Proceedings of Grand Lodge will be allotted to each of these brethren.

Among other subjects for your consideration at this Communication, are propositions for amendments of the Constitution, most of which have a bearing on the financial status of this Grand Body. It is impossible that the credit or respectability of Grand Lodge can be maintained unless some means other than at present exist are devised, whereby our expenditure may be reduced, or our exchequer replenished, and Grand Lodge relieved from the heavy pecuniary burden it now sustains.

I will not comment at present upon these or any of the other matters contained in the memo. of work prepared by the Grand Secretary, further than to express the hope and trust that your deliberations may be so guided as to conduce to the harmony, propriety and best interests of the Craft in this Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

## OFFICIAL ACTS.

In September last I accompanied the M. W. Grand Master on his official visit to the lodges at Pugwash and Oxford, and assisted him in constituting the new lodge at Wallace, on which occasion the D. D. G. M., R.W. Bro. Townshend and brethren from Acadia Lodge at Pugwash, took part in the ceremony.

I accompanied the D. D. G. M. for District No. 4, on his visitation of several lodges in the County of Pictou, and subsequently installed the officers of Keith, No. 23; Albion, No. 5; Western Star, No. 50; and Curren, No. 68.

I granted permission to Keith Lodge, No. 23, to walk in procession to Christ Church, Albion Mines, on St. John's Day.

In the month of December last having received information of the death of the Senior Warden of Virgin Lodge, and of the fact that the W. Master and Junior Warden, both military gentlemen, had left the province, I authorized Worshipful Bro. Arthur E. Curren, the Junior and immediate Past Master of the lodge, to summon the lodge, assume the chair, and perform all the duties thereof during the absence of the W. M. and J. Warden, and until the election and installation of their successors.

Harmony Lodge, No. 56, North East Harbor, Shelburne Co., having failed to meet for the space of more than twelve months, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Sec. 29, Chap. 14, of the Constitution, I issued my authority in February last, to W. Bro. Nathan Swaine, to summon the members of the lodge, assume the chair, and then proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, having failed to elect officers at the regular communication in March, owing to the absence of the brethren by reason of an unusually severe storm, I granted permission to the W. M., officers and brethren to call an emergent communication for the special purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

I granted a similiar petition to the members of Temple Lodge, No. 57, Guysborough, they also having failed to elect officers at the regular meeting of the lodge in March.

The W. Master, Treasurer, and Senior Deacon elected at the regular communication of Scotia Lodge, No. 31, Yarmouth, having declined to be installed, I authorized the Lodge to elect suitable brethren at the next regular meeting, in lieu of those who refused to act.

I granted permission also to St. Andrew's, No. 7, Sydney, to elect a Senior Warden at the regular meeting in April, the brother chosen to that position at the regular election in March having declined installation.

I have sanctioned amendments in the By-laws of the following lodges:

St. Andrew's, No. 1,

Hiram, No. 12,

Acadia, No. 14,

On the 2nd March I dedicated the New Hall at Hopewell, Pictou Co., and installed the officers of Curren Lodge for the ensuing year.

I decided that a brother suspended by Alma Lodge, Damariscotta, in the State of Maine, could not be admitted into a lodge in this jurisdiction, either as visitor or for the purpose of affiliation.

I have issued my dispensation empowering Bros. John Greener, Aaron Sleigh and Robert McDonald, to open a new lodge at the Vale Colliery, to be called Hudson Lodge.

Following the practice of the Past Grand Masters of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, on the vacancy occurring in the representation of the Grand Lodge of England, near this Grand Lodge, I recommended R. W. Bro. Jas. Hudson, Past Deputy Grand Master, for that position.

I have, however, received an intimation that the M.W. G. Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint as successor to the late M. W. Bro. Crowe, Past Grand Master M. W Bro. J. W. Laurie, and that his patent of office has been personally handed to that distinguished brother during his recent visit to London.

I have received an invitation to be present at the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of New York, on the seventh inst., which I regret I am unable to accept. In acknowledging this fraternal courtesy extended to the jurisdiction through me, its acting Grand Master, I have expressed to the Grand Lodge of the Empire State my hearty congratulations and best wishes on the celebration of this their 100th anniversary.

It is with me a subject for self congratulation, that no questions requiring much research or anxious consideration have been submitted to me for decision during the time that I have acted as Grand Master, a fact pointing to the conclusion that the decisions pronounced year by year in the past from this Grand East, and ratified by Grand Lodge, have so far proved amply sufficient for the regulation and harmonious working of subordinate lodges.

The codification of these decisions and consolidation of the constitution is a subject well worthy of consideration, and will, I trust, be reported upon by the special committee, appointed for that purpose at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS JOHNSTONE,

*Deputy Grand Master.*

On motion, the address of the R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master, was referred to a special committee, consisting of W. Bro. J. Poyntz, R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, and R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit, R. W. Bro. W. Taylor being appointed to that committee, in place of V. W. Bro. D. Robertson, absent from the Province.

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia:*

Immediately after the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, authority under Seal of Grand Lodge was issued to the following brethren, empowering them to enter at once upon the discharge of their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters, viz:

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| R. W. | Theodore A. Cossmann, | for District | No. | 1. |
| " | Thos. B. Flint, LL. B., | " | " | 2. |
| " | J. B. Black, M D., | " | " | 3. |
| " | Hon. C. J. Townshend, | " | " | 4. |
| " | Lieut.-Col. C. Crewe-Read, | " | " | 5. |

### ROYAL ALBERT—ELECTION OF INNER GUARD.

In the month of June last, I issued, by command of the late M. W. Brother Crowe, authority to the W. Master of Royal Albert Lodge, No 19, to elect and install an Inner Guard for the remainder of the Masonic year.

### ST. ANDREW'S LODGE—CONCERT.

In the month of July, permission was granted, by the M. W. Grand Master, to St. Andrew's Lodge of this city, to appear in Masonic clothing at a concert to be given by members of that Lodge.

### BY-LAWS—AMENDMENTS SANCTIONED.

Amendments were sanctioned in the by-laws of Virgin Lodge, No. 3, Kentville Lodge, No. 58, and Keith Lodge, No. 17, by the late Grand Master, who officially visited the latter Lodge and inspected the books.

### WALLACE LODGE.

In compliance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, passed on the 2nd of June, 1880, I issued a Charter to the members of Wallace Lodge; and on the 16th of September the Lodge was duly consecrated, dedicated and constituted by the late M. W. Grand Master, and its officers were installed in due and ancient form.

### LODGE VISITATIONS.

In the month of July last I accompanied the late M. W. Grand Master in his visit to the Lodges in Yarmouth and Digby Counties. On our way we were joined by R.W. Bro. Black, D. D. G. M., V.W. Bros. Harris, Starratt, Dempster and Daley, R. W. Bros. E E. Tupper, T. B. Flint, and S. H. Pelton, all officers of Grand Lodge, and also by W. Bro. Alex. Stephen of Virgin Lodge. This early official act of the Grand Master, was, I believe, to the Lodges visited, quite opportune and beneficial; and to the M. W. Grand Master himself, a source of much gratification, from the unbounded cordiality and truly fraternal welcome with which he was everywhere received as the head of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

### DECISIONS.

The following decisions were also issued by the late Grand Master: "A brother holding the office of Warden of a subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed."

A request from a subordinate Lodge to walk in procession to attend a bazaar was refused in the following terms:—"Permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes."

### KENTVILLE LODGE—NO AFFILIATION FEE.

The following amendment in the By-laws of Kentville Lodge was most readily and cheerfully sanctioned by the late Grand Master: "Members of Lodges in this jurisdiction affiliating with this Lodge, 'No Fee.'"

I have written officially on behalf of Grand Lodge, to Burns and Royal Sussex Lodges asking their

### PERMISSION TO MEET IN THIS ROOM.

On this request from me as Grand Secretary, these Lodges have kindly placed their room at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the evening sessions of to-day and to-morrow.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES SUSPENDED.

I regret to inform Grand Lodge that two of the brethren representing foreign Grand Bodies near this Grand Lodge are now under suspension by their Lodges. As the brethren suspended have dishonoured their credentials, I recommend that such action be taken at this Communication as will immediately remove the two foreign Grand Lodges thus affected, from the false and unfortunate positions in which their representatives with us have placed them.

Some years ago there existed in our Constitution a provision for assembling Grand Lodge on the death of the Grand Master, to record the event and to invite the last Grand Master to preside.

In the absence of any authority to summon an emergent communication of Grand Lodge on the death of our late Grand Master, I was authorized by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, to issue the following circular, embodying the resolution passed by the Lodge of St. Mark of this city, with the consent of the members of that lodge:—

## CIRCULAR.

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
HALIFAX, N. S., January, 1881.

*Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,—*

In compliance with instructions from the Deputy and Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, it becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of our highly esteemed Grand Master

ALLEN HILL CROWE,

who departed this life on the 10th November last, in the 47th year of his age.

The following expression of the estimation in which our late Grand Master was held, was unanimously adopted by the Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38, of this city, and may be taken as an expression of the high regard entertained for him by the whole Craft in this Jurisdiction:—

"For the second time within the past few years, the Masonic Fraternity in this Province have been called upon to follow to the grave the Head of the Craft. The hand of death respects not high position, but wields the fatal scythe with stern impartiality.

Our late Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Allen Hill Crowe, will live in the memory of the whole Craft, not merely from the high position he occupied in it, but from the many and eminent qualities he possessed, both as a man and a mason.

Through a long and intimate association with the Craft, M. W. Bro. Crowe was ever zealous in the discharge of his duties, earnest in his interest for the welfare of the Order, and unceasing in his fidelity to its high and noble principles.

It is not too much to say, that no Mason in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was more familiar with its work, better skilled in its laws, more zealous in its tenets, or more popular among its members.

His election to the high and responsible position of Grand Master, was not due to social rank, wealth or fortuitous circumstances; it was the just tribute and fitting reward for a life-time devoted freely and heartily to the good of the Craft.

No doubt this distinction at the hands of his brethren had long been the laudable ambition of our late Most Worshipful Brother. He entered upon its duties with ardor, and was discharging them with a just sense of their importance, when thus suddenly stricken down in the providence of God. The loss is ours; his only the gain.

It would have been his delight to have served the Craft he loved so fondly and well if his life had been spared; we cherish the hope that he has gone to enter upon the Mason's reward and fulfil the Christian's hope.

It is impossible to separate masonry from manhood. It is the aim of the one to build up the highest type of the other. It was because M. W. Bro. Crowe was a worthy man that we hail him as a good mason. In his daily walk in life he exhibited, in a bright and shining manner, all the qualities of an honest public-spirited and kind-hearted man.

In his business he was marked by his forbearance, his kindness to the poor, his interest in their affairs, his self-sacrificing efforts to serve them and promote their welfare.

In disposition he was genial, in manner affable. His heart was warm, and his kindly words, which never die, were scattered profusely as he journeyed along the mystic corridors of time.

Foibles and failings doubtless our late M. W. brother had; but few can remember them in this hour of grief for his loss; and we, as masons, know how to spread over them the broad mantle of Masonic Charity.

The record of men's lives is chiefly valuable as examples and beacons for the living.

As we thus pay an humble yet sincere tribute to the memory of our departed Grand Master, let us not forget to catch his zeal, emulate his example, and cherish his virtues.

As we respected him while he was among us, let us hold his memory sacred now that he is no more."

BENJAMIN CURREN,
*Grand Secretary.*

In answer to the announcement of our loss, letters of sympathy and condolence have been received from Grand Masters of foreign jurisdictions; and the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at its last Annual Communication has added the following testimony to the high moral and masonic standing of our late M. W. Brother:—

*Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick extends fraternal sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the loss it has sustained by the death of the Grand Master of that Masonic jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, who gave years of earnest, zealous and faithful work to the interests of the fraternity, and whose amiable and excellent character earned for him the esteem and love, not only of Freemasons, but of the people of his native Province and of many private friends in New Brunswick:

*And further Resolved*, that in conveying this expression to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Secretary be directed to request the Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia to convey to the widow and orphans of our deceased Brother our deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement, and our earnest prayer, that Almighty God in His goodness and mercy will tenderly protect and guard them.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

W. F. BUNTING,
*Grand Secretary.*

Our Nova Scotia brethren residing in Manitoba send the following:—

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, November 21st, 1880.

*To R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, D. C. L., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—

The members of the Craft at present resident in the City of Winnipeg, and owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, are desirous of uniting with their brethren of the jurisdiction, in expressing the profound sorrow with which they have heard the tidings of the unexpected death of their beloved Grand Master M. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, and request that you will convey to his bereaved family, on their behalf, their sincere condolence and heartful sympathy in the sad calamity that has befallen them.

The long distance that now separates them from their mother lodges and their brethren in Nova Scotia, only serves to make them feel more keenly, the irreparable loss the jurisdiction over which their illustrious brother presided, has sustained; and individually they feel that the Craft universal has lost a member, whose indefatigable labors and devotion to its interest will cause the day of his death long to be regarded as a black day in the annals of masonry.

(Signed,) DAVID B. MURRAY, P. M.,
*Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Manitoba.*

DAVID DOUGLAS, P. M., "Acacia."
JAMES KERR, M. D., P. M., "North Star."
ROBT. C. FRASER, P. M., "Athole."
GEO. P. NELSON, P. M., "Truro."
GILBERT FOWLER, late "Davies."
W. H. POLLOCK, "Cobequid."
D. B. WOODWORTH, "Kentville.'
F. STIRSKY, "Athole."
JAS. J. FOSTER, "Lodge of St. Mark."
J. WM. MCDONALD, "Widow's Son."
JAMES G. MCDONALD.
JOSEPH OUTRAM, "St. Andrew's."
JOSEPH CARMAN, "Virgin."

### SUMMONED TO APPEAR.

Of the brethren suspended last year, and by order of Grand Lodge summoned to appear at this Communication, satisfactory evidence is now on file, to show that one has died since the last annual communication; I have received from the other a letter in which he endeavours to exculpate himself from the charges preferred against him.

### QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN GRAND LODGE.

Of the sixty-six lodges in the jurisdiction, fifty-one are entitled to be represented at this communication, and

### FIFTEEN ARE DISQUALIFIED

through inattention on the part of Secretaries. Some of these are worthy, perhaps, of special consideration. On the 19th of May, the day fixed as the constituted limit for the reception of returns, the present and newly installed Secretary of St. John's Lodge of this city informed me that, owing to obstacles which he could not control or remove just then, he feared it would be almost impossible to have the returns in on that or the next day. In the case of Acacia and Curren Lodges other difficulties stood in the way, and they are, in consequence, deprived from taking part at this communication, unless Grand Lodge exercises its right to suspend for the time being the operation of Sec. 26, Chap. 14, of the Constitution.

### ZETLAND LODGE—PETITION.

A petition is about to be presented from Zetland Lodge, asking that their indebtedness to Grand Lodge be cancelled, and that it be allowed to take a fresh start in its relation to Grand Lodge.

This Lodge has been for some years struggling with financial embarrassment: it has been quite unable to keep up with the requirements of Grand Lodge from year to year, and has in consequence been excluded from its Communications: yet it has every year done something towards keeping down the accumulating Grand Lodge debt. It is still about four years in arrears, and unless relieved by some special action of Grand Lodge, there is but little hope that it can ever meet with its brethren in Grand Lodge assembled, but must remain out in the cold, while its more prosperous brethren are enjoying the bright sunshine of our annual gatherings: it is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will, at this session, exercise a special act of clemency on behalf of the Lodge, and relieve it from the unpleasant exclusion to which it has been so long subjected.

### ST. GEORGE'S LODGE.

St. George's Lodge, No. 20, Wolfville, has deducted from its amount due Grand Lodge this year the sum of $7.64, expenses of its representative, who attended Grand Lodge last year. As, up to the present, I have no authority to credit this amount as cash paid, the account in our books against St. George's Lodge remains unpaid; and if left unpaid, would disqualify the lodge, under Section 28, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, from taking part in the next Annual Communication. I desire therefore the direction of Grand Lodge in this matter.

### SPECIAL MENTION.

Sircom Lodge stands out again this year prominently before all others in regard to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge. It has contributed from its limited means a small sum. This act of the lodge, however, is not to be valued by the amount donated, but rather from the motive which prompted the gift.

Welsford Lodge, No 26, Windsor—the lodge honored by the membership, continued presence, and indefatigable devotedness of the venerable and beloved Col. Poyntz, has forwarded to me dues for a brother who has been "missing" for about twelve years, but who has at last been heard from, and received again

into active membership. Such an act was unnecessary from a constitutional point, and it shows unmistakably the truly masonic spirit that pervades its members; but then, what may we not expect from a lodge honored and influenced by a venerable brother who is himself the soul of honor!

### DONATION TO GRAND LODGE.

In view of the straitened circumstances in which Grand Lodge is placed financially, I have relinquished, for the second time, the sum of one hundred dollars, being part of my salary as fixed by Chapter 7 of the Constitution: this donation will appear in its proper place in the Grand Treasurer's account.

### FEES AND DUES RECEIVED.

I have received during the year, and have paid over to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of two thousand five hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-one cents, as will appear from his receipts.

### RETURNS.

The returns received from subordinate Lodges for the year ended with the present communication of Grand Lodge give the following results.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number initiated | 180 |
| " passed | 157 |
| " raised | 149 |
| " affiliated | 56 |
| " reinstated | 21 |
| " dimitted | 146 |
| " died | 38 |
| " suspended for non-payment of dues | 92 |
| " " unmasonic conduct | 1 |
| " missing | 37 |
| " rejected | 27 |
| " of subscribing members, including lodges not yet heard from, about | 2900 |

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,
*Grand Secretary.*

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BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ended May 20th,* 1881.

| No. | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | St. Andrew's, to May, 1881 | $47 25 | $2 00 | $1 50 |
| 3. | Virgin, " " | 50 25 | 15 00 | 1 50 |
| 4. | Unity, " " | 29 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 5. | Albion, " " | 52 50 | 12 00 | 1 50 |

| No. | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Royal Sussex, to May, 1881 | 41 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 7. | St. Andrew's " " | 42 00 | 18 00 | 1 50 |
| 8. | Acacia, on account for 1880 | 30 00 | .... | .... |
| 9. | Zetland, on account | 30 00 | .... | .... |
| 9. | Zetland | .... | 6 00 | .... |
| 10. | Burns, to May, 1881 | 81 75 | 15 00 | 1 50 |
| 11. | New Caledonia, to May, 1880 | 96 75 | 35 00 | .... |
| 11. | New Caledonia, " 1881 | 93 00 | 7 00 | 1 50 |
| 12. | Hiram, " " | 41 25 | 12 00 | 1 50 |
| 13. | Acadia, " " | 15 00 | .... | 1 50 |
| 14. | Acadia, " " | 34 50 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 15. | Athole, " " | 36 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 16. | Keith, " " | 38 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 18. | Union, " " | 28 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 19. | Royal Albert, " " | 48 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 20. | St. George's, on acct. | 12 11 | .... | .... |
| 23. | Keith, " " | 48 00 | 16 00 | 1 50 |
| 26. | Welsford, back dues and diploma for an absent brother | 7 60 | 2 00 | .... |
| 26. | Welsford, to May, 1881 | 57 75 | .... | 1 50 |
| 28. | Scotia, " " | 24 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 29. | Prince of Wales," " | 40 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 31. | Scotia, on account | 18 00 | .... | .... |
| 32. | Eldorado, " | 20 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 33. | Annapolis, " | 37 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 34. | Queens, (less dues overpaid last year) | 50 25 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 36. | Thistle, on acconnt | 24 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 37. | Cobequid, to May, 1880 | 38 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 37. | Cobequid, " 1881 | .. .. | 2 00 | .... |
| 38. | Lodge of St. Mark, to May, 1881 | 47 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 41. | Rothsay, " " | 35 25 | .... | 1 50 |
| 42. | Eureka, " " | 50 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 43. | Truro, due for diplomas for 1880 | .. .. | 6 00 | .... |
| 43. | Truro, to May, 1881 | 36 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 44. | Poyntz, " 1880 | 27 00 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 45. | Tyrian Youth, to May, 1880 | 20 25 | .. .. | .... |
| 45. | Tyrian Youth, " 1881 | 19 50 | 2 00 | 3 00 |
| 50. | Western Star, " " | 69 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 51. | Eastern Star, " 1880 | 30 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 51. | Eastern Star, " " | 27 00 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 52. | Harmony, " " | 42 00 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 53. | Hiram, on acct. for diplomas in 1879 | .. .. | 10 00 | .... |
| 53. | Hiram, to May, 1881 | 12 00 | 4 00 | .... |
| 54. | King Solomon, for three proceedings, 1879, and one copy of 1876 | .. .. | .. .. | 2 00 |
| 54. | King Solomon, to May, 1881 | 26 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |

| No. | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55. | Morien, to May, 1880 | 21 75 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 55. | Morien, " 1881 | 21 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 56. | Harmony, " 1880 | 25 50 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 56. | Harmony, " 1881 | 22 50 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 57. | Temple, " " | 12 75 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 58. | Kentville " " | 30 00 | .. .. | 1 50 |
| 61. | Clarke, dues for Brs. Spencer and Merkle, omitted in 1880 | 1 50 | .. .. | .... |
| 61. | Clarke, to May, 1881 | 23 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 62. | Taylor, " " | 31 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 63. | Corinthian, balance due for 1880 | 1 00 | .. .. | ... |
| 63. | Corinthian, to May, 1881 | 34 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 64. | Richmond, " " | 19 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 66. | Sircom, " " | 24 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 67. | Minas, " " | 25 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 68. | Curren, balance due for 1880 | .. .. | 0 50 | 1 50 |
| 68. | Curren, to May, 1881 | 30 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 69. | Charity, " " | 21 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 70. | Laurie, dues omitted in 1880 | 1 50 | .. .. | .... |
| 70. | Laurie, to May, 1881 | 15 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 72. | Eastern Light, to May, 1881 | 25 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 73. | Ionic, " " | 27 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 74. | North Star, " " | 33 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 76. | Wallace, " " | 19 50 | 22 00 | 1 50 |
| | | $2125 21 | $340 50 | $86 00 |

Received for renewal of diplomas:

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|---|---|
| From New Caledonia, for Bro. D. Munro | $1 00 |
| " Cobequid, for Bro. Yuill | 1 00 |
| " Tyrian Youth, for Bros. McNeil and Mitchell | 2 00 |
| " Laurie, for Bro. R. H. Cooper, name incorrectly returned by Secretary | 1 00 |
| | $5 00 |

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|---|---|
| Received for Charter, Wallace Lodge | 30 00 |
| " Benevolent Fund from Sircom Lodge | 5 00 |
| " Complaint from Bro. C. Lordly | 1 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|
| Received for Dues | $2125 21 |
| " Diplomas and Enrolment | 340 50 |
| " Proceedings | 86 00 |
| " Renewal of Diplomas | 5 00 |
| " Charter | 30 00 |
| " Benevolent Fund | 5 00 |
| " Complaint | 1 00 |
| | $2592 71 |

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By Cash paid A. K. Mackinlay, Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers 147 to 155, both inclusive ..... $2592 71

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# GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA *in acct. with* ANDREW K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

| 1880 | | DR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1. | | To balance due Grand Treasurer ..... | $275 89 |
| " 9. | | To Cash paid Insurance (North British and Mercantile) to June 9, 1881..... | 30 00 |
| " | " | Insurance (Guardian) to July 1st, 1881..... | 50 00 |
| July 26. | " | James Reardon, glazing, &c., &c..... | 4 36 |
| Aug. 3. | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary from May 1st, to July 31st, 13 weeks at $3 per week .... | 39 00 |
| " 26. | " | Insurance (Commercial Union) on $5000 to Aug. 1881..... | 25 00 |
| Sep. 15. | " | Insurance (Western) on $4000, to Sep. 1881 .. | 40 00 |
| Dec. 13. | " | S. Brookfield, interest ½ year to Dec. 1st, 1880. | 300 00 |
| " | " | Coupons .... ..... | 20 00 |
| " | " | Insurance (Guardian) on $15000 to Nov. 1881. | 75 00 |
| 1881 | | | |
| Jan. | " | Mrs. Donaldson, interest ½ year to Dec. 1880.. | 660 00 |
| " | " | Interest on advance ..... ..... | 12 17 |
| " | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary from Aug. 1st to Oct. 31st, 13 weeks at $3 per week..... | 39 00 |
| Feb. 1. | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary from Nov. 1st, '80, to Jan. 31, '81, 13 weeks at $3 p. week | 39 00 |
| March 4. | " | Wm. Macnab, printing to Dec. 1880, 600 copies Grand Lodge Reports, $202.86; Annual Returns, $10.00; Memos of Work, $5.00; Railway Certificates, Notices, &c., $9 00... | 226 86 |
| April 22. | " | A. & W. Mackinlay, stamps, stationery, &c ... | 23 78 |
| " | " | N. S. Printing Company..... | 2 00 |
| " | " | Western Union Telegraph Co..... .. | 3 36 |
| May 9. | " | Morning Herald, advertising to Nov. 11, 1880. | 4 50 |
| " | " | Defraytas & Wall, glazing, Nov. 1879..... | 8 75 |
| May 19. | " | Grand Secretary's salary, one year $600, less his second donation to Grand Lodge, of $100..... ..... | 500 00 |

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| May 19. | To Cash paid James Martin, Janitor, salary 13 weeks to April 13, 1881 | 39 | 00 |
| May 21. | " Mrs. Donaldson, interest ½ year to June, 1881 | 660 | 00 |
| " | " S. M. Brookfield, interest ½ year to June, 1881 | 300 | 00 |
| " | " Coupons | 8 | 00 |
| May 23. | " F. C. Stevens, coal to Nov., 1880 | 179 | 50 |
| " | " J. Martin, travelling expenses attending the late Grand Master to Wallace | 11 | 90 |
| May 24. | " A. & W. Mackinlay, Diplomas | 93 | 75 |
| " | " Stamps, Stationery, &c., &c | 14 | 78 |
| May 26. | " Gas Company to May, 1881 | 219 | 75 |
| " | ' Discount on Bank Notes remitted to Grand Secretary by Secretaries in payment of Lodge dues | | 91 |
| " | " Joseph Davies, Locksmith | 1 | 00 |
| May 30. | " John M. Taylor, Tyling, &c., &c., to June, '80 | 30 | 00 |
| " | " Coupons | 140 | 80 |
| " | " Morning Chronicle to June, 1881 | 13 | 13 |
| " | " " Herald " | 3 | 00 |
| " | " Recorder " | 7 | 00 |
| " | " Coupons | 40 | 00 |
| " | " Water Rates for years ending May, '80 & '81 | 92 | 00 |
| " | " Coupons | 84 | 00 |
| " | " Balance | 25 | 22 |
| | | $4342 | 71 |

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| June 8. | By Cash from W. A. Hesson, Secretary of Trustees | $ 63 | 50 |
| " 11. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| July 9. | " " " | 125 | 00 |
| " 13. | " " " | 63 | 50 |
| " " | " " " | 65 | 50 |
| Aug. 27. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| Oct. 9. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| " 25. | " " " | 125 | 00 |
| Nov. 17. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| Dec. 13. | " " " | 126 | 00 |
| " 21. | " " " | 63 | 50 |
| 1881. | | | |
| Jan. 3. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| " 7. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| Feb. 5. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| Feb. 10. | " " " | 62 | 50 |
| Mar. 2. | " " " | 64 | 50 |
| May 16. | " " " | 249 | 50 |
| May 16. | By Cash from Grand Secretary | 923 | 50 |
| " 19. | " " | 478 | 75 |

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| " 20. | By Cash from Grand Secretary | | | 247 36 |
| " 21. | " | " | | 312 19 |
| " 23. | " | " | | 183 00 |
| " 25. | " | " | | 198 75 |
| " 26. | " | " | | 77 75 |
| " 28. | " | " | | 84 56 |
| " 30. | " | W. A. Hesson | | 125 00 |
| " " | " | Public Room | | 109 00 |
| " " | " | Old Hall | | 30 00 |
| " " | " | Grand Secretary | | 86 85 |
| " " | " | W. A. Hesson | | 40 00 |
| 1881. | | | | $4342 71 |
| May 21. | By Balance to Credit | | | 25 22 |

A. K. MACKINLAY,
*Grand Treasurer.*

E. and O. E.

On motion, the annual report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

R.W. Bro. C. J. Townshend offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 1st June, 1881.

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

# REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEP. GRAND MASTERS

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia;*

I have the honor to report that the lodges in this district have been officially visited by me, and the records examined (except Eureka, No. 41, Sheet Harbor). With reference to those visited, it gives me pleasure to state, that the proceedings of all, with but one exception, were very generally correct. The lodges as a whole are in a better position than last year as regards back dues, and while some have had difficulty to make both ends meet, yet the prospect for them looks brighter. Eastern Star, Dartmouth, which, at the beginning of the year, was at the lowest ebb, so much so that steps were taken to amalgamate with a lodge in the city, has taken a fresh start: members who had dimitted from it have affiliated, and there is no doubt that the lodge at the end of the coming year will be again in a good position.

At the request of our late M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Flint, D. D. G. M., 2nd District, I consented to visit and inspect the proceedings of the lodges in Lunenburg County, which are in that district; but I afterwards found that I had undertaken a duty, which want of time prevented me from performing. I regret this exceedingly, particularly as our late M. W. Grand Master was so anxious that these lodges should be visited.

The past year has wrought many changes in this district; faces of brethren which were familiar at our lodge meetings have passed away; but none is so much missed and lamented as that of M. W. Bro. Crowe, whose presence at our lodge meetings was always sure to make them doubly pleasant and interesting.

I ask the brethren of the district to accept my thanks for kindness and courtesy shown me on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. COSSMANN,

*D. D. G. M. 1st District.*

Halifax, June 1st, 1881.

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## SECOND DISTRICT.

*To Lewis Johnstone, M. D., R. W. Deputy and Acting Grand Master:*

I have the honor to submit a very brief report on District No. 2.

The peculiar distribution of the lodges in this district forms my principal plea for indulgence. I deeply regret that I was unable to visit the lodges in Queens and Shelburne Counties. As we have neither railroad nor steamship communication in the winter months, the time required to make a proper visitation of these lodges, was, apart from the expense of travel, etc., quite a serious objection, and one which, during the past year, I was unable to overcome.

On June 10th last, I requested permission from our late lamented Grand Master to invite R. W. Bro. T A. Cossmann, D. D. G. M., of the First District, to visit the lodges in Lunenburg County. Although I have no formal answer to this request, I understand from Bro. Cossmann that it was acceded to, and his report will, no doubt, be furnished.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, has not met for a long time, and one of the leading members informed me that the Lodge intended to apply for a revocation of the Charter.

I made more than one effort to visit Westport Lodge; but on each occasion learned that it would be difficult (in the summer season) to get the Lodge together. A brief correspondence with the Secretary shows me that the Lodge is not as flourishing as it ought to be, and that the brethren at Brier Island are feeling the influence of the same causes which have depressed Masonry throughout this jurisdiction.

Hiram and Scotia Lodges in Yarmouth, I visited on several occasions, and am able to report peace and harmony together with a fair degree of prosperity prevailing. But still all are hoping for better times in the future.

I granted leave to Hiram and Scotia Lodges to proceed in public procession on St. John's day, Dec. 27th last, to Providence Church. An eloquent address was there delivered by Rev. Bro. J. J. Teasdale, of Hiram Lodge, and in the evening the Masonic fraternity in the vicinity were the guests of Hiram Lodge at Keith Hall, where a most pleasant evening was passed in a highly intellectual manner.

The sad intelligence of the death of the late Grand Master Crowe was received by the fraternity in this district with universal regret—a feeling shared by all the Masons of Nova Scotia, who had begun to look to him with confidence and hope.

I cannot conclude this brief report without expressing the hope that some arrangement may be made whereby the visitation of lodges by the District Deputy may be assured. I would urge that Westport be placed in District No. 3, that Lunenburg and Queens be made a new district, and that District Deputies be refunded by Grand Lodge all actual cash disbursements made by them and necessitated for board or travel during their visitations.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. FLINT,
*D. D. G. M. District No.* 2.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 30, 1881.

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## THIRD DISTRICT.

*To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., R. W. Dep. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor of submitting the following report of my official labors in District No. 3:—

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district, excepting Granville, No. 71, New Caledonia. Though on two different occasions I had

notified this lodge of my intended visitation, circumstances over which I had no control prevented me.

I visited Scotia Lodge, No. 28, Canning, at the Regular Communication in October last, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Third Degree conferred in a most excellent manner, by Past D. D. G. M. Bro. Dakin, who being in the neighbourhood, gave us the honor of his presence. This lodge registers thirty-four members, of whom fifteen were present at the time of my visit.

The active workers in Scotia seem to be laboring under some difficulty in the way of the advancement of their lodge, to me not quite apparent, but certain it appears, that a lodge located in a village containing so many intelligent inhabitants, with a populous surrounding country, should show a larger membership, and better attendance, and greater advancement in masonry than is here manifested; but the faithful few deserve great credit for their earnest endeavors to keep up the interest of the lodge. I regret that I found that for two years the Secretary's records had not been signed by the Worshipful Master. The Master and immediate Past Master promised to attend to the omission immediately.

At the regular meeting in October last, I spent a very pleasant evening in visiting St. George's, No. 20, Wolfville. This venerable lodge shows no sign of declining years, but exhibits all the vigor and strength of youth, with the wisdom of mature age.

The lodge, though not large, is composed of excellent material; and the records are a model of neatness and correctness.

With St. George's present material and health, I have large expectations for her usefulness within her jurisdiction.

On the 11th of October last, I visited Kentville Lodge, No. 58, Kentville. Here, as at St. George's, I found the lodge composed of excellent material; and the records, since the last visit of the D. D. G M., perfect in neatness and without an error. I had the pleasure of seeing the First Degree admirably conferred by Past Master Masters. This lodge is improving financially, it having been relieved of a burden of charity, which it nobly bore for several years.

At the regular meeting in November, I spent a delightful evening in visiting Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Aylesford. Here the attendance is good, the records well kept, and the constitution closely followed. The healthfulness of Harmony is largely due to R. W. Brother Rev. R. Avery, P. D. G. M., and G. C., whose zeal for masonry and love for the Craft are known throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

At the regular meeting in January, I visited Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, Annapolis. This is one of the finest lodges in this district, with a large, well furnished room, second to few in the Province. Its officers are men of intelligence, and perfectly informed in the duties of their respective offices. I found the records well kept and without an error. The Worshipful Master, R. W. Bro. Robinson, Past D. D. G. M., and his officers, deserve great credit for the proficiency displayed in the working of this lodge. The funds are in a healthful condition, and charity on worthy applicants is frequently bestowed.

I visited Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, Hantsport, at an emergency communication, on the evening of February 18. This lodge has had many, and some serious

difficulties in the past to contend with, but I am happy to report an improved state of affairs since the last report of the D. D. G. M. The lodge has moved into a large, commodious and centrally situated room, and though rented, there is little danger of their being obliged to move, as in the past. The brethren seem inspired with new life and vigor, and determined to keep up the interest of the Craft here, and resolved that the lodge shall not prove unworthy of the honored name it bears. I look for continued improvement in Poyntz Lodge.

I visited Rothsay, No. 41, Bridgetown, at the regular communication in March. This lodge, though not having added any to its members during the year, is in a healthy condition. I regret that I found on the records two or three resolutions which were irregular and unconstitutional; these were expunged at my request. The records are well and carefully kept, and with the above exceptions, I found the constitution closely followed.

At the regular meeting in April, I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 73, Lawrencetown, where R. W. Brother Starratt, G. D. of C., kindly met me at much inconvenience to himself, and assisted me in installing the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. The membership of this lodge is not as large as it should be; the books show a membership of thirty-five, while the Secretary reports to me thirty-three unaffiliated masons within the lodge's jurisdiction. This condition of things must be very discouraging to those who are trying to maintain the interest of the lodge.

Of Welsford Lodge, No 26, Windsor, which I officially visited at the regular meeting in May, it would perhaps be out of place for me to say much—this being my own lodge; suffice it that I think the merit which met with such hearty praise from my predecessor, is still maintained.

The Lodges, Keith, No. 26, Hillsburg, and King Solomon, No. 54, Digby, were visited by me in company with the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, in July last, and expecting that a report on them would be made by other hands than mine, I made no notes whatever of their condition.

In all my visitations I have been struck with the number of unaffiliated masons to be met with; and this district is not worse off in this respect, I presume, than are the others. The twelve lodges in my jurisdiction number five hundred and forty-one members; while from the carefully prepared reports I have received from all the lodges, there are about two hundred unaffiliated masons in the district. These, though paying nothing towards the support of masonry, expect to visit lodges when they please, are usually prepared to don an apron at a masonic funeral, procession, pic-nic or dinner. Some legislation to deprive these economic brethren of visiting a lodge on any pretence whatever, or of wearing any insignia of masonry, might enable them to understand their true position towards the Craft.

In September last I granted a dispensation to Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, to wear regalia at a masonic pic-nic.

On the 12th of December last, I granted dispensation to Ionic Lodge, No. 47, to walk in procession to church and wear regalia on St. John's day.

On the 20th December I granted like dispensations to Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, and Welsford, No. 26.

The sad news of the untimely death of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master has made a mournful impression on the Lodges in this district. Touching memorial pages on many of the Lodge records, show in what high esteem and regard he was held by the Craft, over whom, though for a short time, he presided with such earnest zeal and ability.

I have to thank the Brethren throughout the District for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me in all my visits to the different Lodges.

J. B. BLACK,
*D. D. G. M., District No. 3.*

Windsor, 31st May, 1881.

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## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Deputy Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I beg to acknowledge the ever ready and valuable assistance and counsel afforded to me by yourself, in discharging the duties of my office, and which relieved me from that embarrassment and responsibility which any one must feel in a situation entirely new.

### Keith Lodge, No. 23.

My round of official visitations commenced with Keith Lodge, No. 23, on the evening of 23rd of August last, accompanied by yourself and P. D. G. W. Hudson. The brethren of that worthy lodge accorded to me a warm welcome, especially impressed on my memory by the sad removal of many of them from the sphere of their earthly labors by the terrible disasters at Stellarton occurring shortly afterwards. This lodge has always had a bright record, and my own observations confirm this impression. There were, however, two matters to which I called the attention of the brethren of this lodge, as I did of several others. 1st. The absence of several of the regular officers from their places on the occasion of my visitation. 2nd. The neglect of the regulations of Grand Lodge respecting the proper masonic clothing. As to the first I thought as on these occasions the D. D. G. M. represented the Grand Master, it was a want of that respect for the dignity of the office which was unbecoming in any officer of a lodge. In the case of this lodge I am, however, bound to say, that fairly reasonable excuses were given for their absence. I cannot say the same of other lodges where the same comment was made. I witnessed the conferring of a Second Degree which was given in a very creditable manner. The lodge room is one of the best outside the city, and the Secretary's and Treasurer's books were well kept.

### Albion, No. 5.

On the evening of August 24th last, I visited Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow, accompanied by yourself. The lodge room, furniture and surroundings are excellent, and have been so frequently referred to by my predecessors that further comment is unnecessary. I found the Secretary's books well kept, but in the course of reading the minutes, discovered a resolution directing the Secre-

tary to retain from his next remittance to Grand Lodge the expenses of their delegate in June last. I thought this to be an improper proceeding, and recommended the lodge to rescind it, which I trust has been attended to. I observed the same neglect with respect to masonic clothing, to which I called the attention of the brethren present.

### Manitoba, No. 59.

The same evening I visited Manitoba Lodge, No. 59. The room is neat, tastefully decorated, and the books showed that some care and attention had been bestowed on them. I called the Secretary's attention to certain irregularities as I thought in the Senior Warden signing the minutes of a meeting at which he did not preside. The Worshipful Master was absent, and the attendance of members of the Lodge was small. It occurred to me that in the interests of the craft, and especially of these two lodges an amalgamation would prove most beneficial.

### New Caledonia, No. 11.

I made a very agreeable visit to New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Pictou, on the evening of 25th of August last. This lodge seems to be in a very healthy and promising condition. Beyond a few trifling irregularities in the Secretary's books, and the want of proper Masonic clothing, I found everything connected with the lodge in a highly creditable position. A question, however, arose while I was there as to the regularity of the Secretary elect and installed having resigned his place, and the power of the lodge to elect and install another in his place. I decided that such a proceeding was wrong, and that an officer having been once installed could not resign, and directed the Secretary elected at the proper time to resume his place, which he did.

### North Star, No. 74.

On the evening of 2nd September last, I visited North Star Lodge, No. 74, Acadia Iron Mines. The Lodge is a comparatively new one, but increasing in numbers. It is unfortunate in having recently lost some of its most zealous members, but, notwithstanding, there is abundant evidence of life and activity within its precincts. I had here an opportunity of witnessing some work in the Third Degree. The mode in which it was given compels me to remark on the striking differences in conferring these various Masonic degrees within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to suggest that the time has come when this subject should be thoroughly dealt with.

### Widow's Son, No. 48.

On the evening of September 6th last I had the pleasure of visiting Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48, River Philip, and was much gratified at the creditable manner in which their books were kept. Their lodge room, though small, is owned by themselves, and is a model of neatness. All the officers, and some twenty-five members were present, evincing great interest in the welfare of the Craft.

### Acadia Lodge, No. 13.

I twice visited Acadia Lodge, No. 13, Pugwash, once on the evening of September 13th last, and again on the evening of September 15th last, in company with our late lamented Grand Master and yourself. The formation of Wallace Lodge has reduced its membership, nevertheless the members remaining do not feel fainthearted, and it is to be hoped that with the reviving prosperity of the town, the lodge will be rapidly recruited with new life. The books, furniture and finances are in a highly satisfactory condition.

### Wallace Lodge, No. 76.

On the evening of September 14th I made a formal visit to Wallace Lodge, then working under a dispensation, and made arrangements for its constitution and dedication on the 16th by our late Grand Master. I had the very great pleasure, and privilege of being present on this occasion, and witnessing this, I believe, the last Masonic act of our dear departed Grand Master. A large number of brethren were present, and the whole proceedings were of the most impressive and satisfactory character. This Lodge has good material, and no doubt will in time be one of the most efficient in the jurisdiction.

### Acacia, No. 8.

My mother Lodge, Acacia, No. 8, Amherst, I visited officially on the evening of the 2nd of December last. With some few exceptions the books are admirably kept, the furniture of the Lodge is among the best I have seen, and the Lodge is generally improving, and regaining its once proud position as one of the foremost lodges in the Province.

### Minas, No. 67.

Minas Lodge, No. 67, Parrsborough, was visited by me on the evening of the 6th of December last. Their lodge room and furniture are fairly good, and substantial. I regret, however, that duty compels me to report unfavourably on the condition of their books. I strongly condemned such negligence, and expressed a strong hope that before they were visited again great improvement would be made. A question was submitted to me as to whether a very deaf man could be accepted as a candidate for masonry. I decided that he could not, and directed the lodge not to receive his petition on the ground that, owing to his infirmity, he could not masonically have conferred on him the different degrees.

### Wimburn Lodge, No. 75.

One of the youngest and most thriving lodges is Wimburn, No. 75, in the prosperous town of Oxford. I made my official visitation on the night of their regular meeting on the 17th of December last, and witnessed the ceremony of conferring a third degee which, making due allowance for want of instruction, was fairly well given. Their books and finances are both in a satisfactory condition, and their lodge room large and commodious, and I trust ere long to see it well filled with worthy members. I had occasion here to correct what I

deemed an irregularity in the Worshipful Master calling the "lodge to ease," a term I had never before heard, and which I directed should be discontinued.

I regret to report my inability to visit the remaining lodges in the Fourth District. I had arranged early last autumn to visit Truro and Cobequid, but at the request of our late Grand Master, deferred doing so until such time as he could be present. His untimely death prevented this, and every subsequent attempt to perform this duty failed. The same may be said of Laurie, at Spring Hill, my visitation was arranged, but at the instance of some of the brethren, put off until a more convenient season, which unfortunately never arrived.

I have made little or no reference to the finances of the various lodges, which, so far as I remember, have not materially changed since last reported upon. I would, however, respectfully suggest to Grand Lodges the propriety of requiring from each subordinate lodge an annual return of its assets and liabilities, the sources from which its funds are derived, and the mode in which they are expended. As the Grand Lodge is deeply interested in the welfare of its constituents, I hold that a close supervision in these matters would have a most wholesome effect. The accumulating burden of debt frequently, if not invariably, saps the life of the Lodge, and brings it and the Craft into disrepute. The power of Grand Lodge to intervene under such circumstances could not be otherwise than beneficial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,
*D. D. G. Master, District No. 4.*

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## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Deputy Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following report on the 5th Masonic District.

It was with heartfelt grief that the fraternity in this district received the mournful intelligence that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Allen Hill Crowe, had been called away in the meridian of life, from the Craft he presided over so worthily, and which he served and loved so well.

I have every reason to know that his true worth and bright masonic virtues were well understood and appreciated, and I can assure this Grand Lodge that his memory will ever be affectionately cherished by the lodges in this district, and that they feel that truly "A Prince and a Ruler" has departed from amongst them.

I regret to state that I have been prevented from visiting all the lodges in this district. It will be remembered that railways are unknown in this Island, and consequently the means of intercommunication with distant places are very expensive and difficult; more particularly is this the case during the winter, which happens to be the most convenient time for many lodges, and especially those in fishing localities, to muster in force to receive the representative of Grand Lodge.

It is not from selfish motives, but solely for the good of the Craft, that I sincerely trust Grand Lodge may shortly be in a position, once again, to re-imburse the District Deputy Grand Masters, with some portion, however small, of the necessary travelling expenses incurred during their visitations, as otherwise, I fear, that for the future, distant lodges will suffer for want of annual inspection, which, experience teaches me, is absolutely necessary to secure efficiency, and to check irregularities.

The only change I have to bring to notice is that Morien Lodge, No. 55, hold their meetings since the commencement of the year, in part of a new public building which they have leased for a term of years. The lodge room has been newly furnished and decorated throughout with exquisite taste, and is well suited for the purposes of masonry.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, has to mourn the death, at an early age, of Brother R. J. Ingraham, for many years the efficient Secretary of that Lodge. His loss will be much felt, whilst the well finished Masonic Hall, the property of the Lodge, will remain as a monument to the skill and ability with which he managed the financial arrangements which secured its erection and freedom from debt.

My duties during the year have been confined to visiting certain lodges in the neighbourhood, and performing the ceremonies of the installation of officers, and conferring degrees on several occasions.

In conclusion I would say that I am convinced the general prosperity of the Craft in this District has steadily advanced during the year, and that, with the evident recent great improvement in trade and commerce in the island, we have every reason to look forward with confidence to a bright future for our beloved order.

Respectfully submitted.

C. CREWE-READ,
*D. D. G. M.*

Sydney, C. B., May 25, 1881.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, it was

*Resolved*, That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and printed in the annual proceedings.

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## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATION.

(No report—extension of time granted.)

The Committee appointed to consolidate the Constitution and Standing Regulations, not being yet prepared to report, asked for an extension of time, which was granted.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to submit the report of their work as follows:

Three cases have been brought to the notice of the Committee during the year.

First.—The case of an appeal by the Secretary of Keith Lodge, No, 17, regarding the election of a Treasurer was put in the hands of the Committee, but was subsequently taken charge of by M. W. Brother Crowe, Grand Master, who made an official visit to the Lodge in question, and upon his own authority disposed of the matter in a satisfactory manner.

Second.—An appeal by Brother Charles Lordley from a vote of suspension by Clarke Lodge, No. 61, Chester. After looking over the papers forwarded in this case, your committee find it impossible to recommend any definite action on the part of Grand Lodge during the present communication. The charges upon which the Brother was suspended are not set forth in a clear and specific manner; and not a single particle of evidence either in support of or opposition to said charges is sent up for the guidance of your committee or of Grand Lodge. If the party appellant, or the Lodge in question desires this matter disposed of, it will be necessary either to furnish the evidence taken below in extenso, or else to bring the witnesses and other testimony before the members of the committee, who are quite prepared to undertake a full investigation of the matter. The only thing your committee can do in this matter at present is to recommend that no action be taken by Grand Lodge until the evidence is properly before it.

Third.—Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue, on payment of the usual fee of one dollar each, duplicate diplomas to the following brethren, viz:—L. J. Yuill, of Cobequid Lodge, No. 37; Edward Walker, late of Royal Sussex, Lodge, No. 6; Roderick McNeil and J. C. Mitchell, of Tyrian Youth Lodge, No 45, and Simon D. Fraser, of Laurie Lodge, No. 70, satisfactory evidence having been adduced that the originals were destroyed by fire or shipwreck.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. LONGLEY,
*Chairman of Committee.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. John F. McDonald, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and considered clause by clause.

Clause No. 1 was adopted on motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald.

Clause No. 2 was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution, moved by R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann:

*Resolved*, That the matter of the appeal of Bro. Chas. Lordly against his suspension by Clarke Lodge, No. 61, be left in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master.

Clause No. 3 was adopted on motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald.

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## REQUEST OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO RETURN HOME GRANTED.

W. Bro. Lauchlin J. Campbell, of St. Mark's Lodge, Baddeck, was permitted, by the Acting Grand Master, to return home, on urgent business, before the close of the Annual Communication.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

W. Bro. O. M. Hill, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit Grand Lodge accounts for the past year, beg to state that they have examined the accounts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct, and all payments properly vouched for.

Receipts for the year have been:

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| Dues | $2125 21 | |
| Diplomas and Enrolments | 340 50 | |
| Sale of Grand Lodge Proceedings | 86 00 | |
| Renewals | 5 00 | |
| Charter | 30 00 | |
| Contribution to Benevolent Fund | 5 00 | |
| Complaint | 1 00 | |
| | | $2592 71 |
| Rent from Lodges | 1611 00 | |
| " Public Hall | 109 00 | |
| " Old Hall | 30 00 | |
| | | 1750 00 |
| Total receipts for the year | | $4342 71 |

EXPENDITURE DURING YEAR.

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| Stationery, Postage, &c | $38 56 | |
| Diplomas | 93 75 | |
| | | $132 31 |
| Printing, viz: | | |
| Grand Lodge Proceedings | $226 86 | |
| Notices, &c | 29 63 | |
| | | 256 49 |
| Gas | $219 75 | |
| Fuel | 179 50 | |
| | | 399 25 |
| Grand Secretary | | 500 00 |
| Telegrams | $ 3 36 | |
| Repairs to Building | 14 11 | |
| | | 17 47 |
| Grand Tyler, one year's salary, &c | | 30 30 |
| Janitor, one year's salary | $156 00 | |
| " Travelling expenses to Wallace | 11 90 | |
| | | 167 90 |
| Interest on Mortgages, Debentures, &c | | 2225 88 |
| Fire Insurance | | 220 00 |
| Water Rates | | 92 00 |
| | | $4041 60 |
| Balance paid Grand Treasurer | | 275 89 |
| | | $4317 49 |
| Balance on hand | | 25 22 |
| | | $4342 71 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. M. HILL,
JAS. HALLIDAY,
*Committee.*

Halifax, N. S., June 1st, 1881.

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## REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was then, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That all matters in connection with the Finances of this Grand Lodge, together with the Report of the Committee on Finance and Audit, just read, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the present committee on Finance and Audit, together with R. W. Bros. W. Taylor, L. F. Darling and E. E. Tupper, and that said special committee report at this Annual Communication.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following report was received from R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, read, and on motion adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have the honor to report to the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia, that the Reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges are in such a state of readiness that they can at once be placed in the hands of the printer, if such be the will of Grand Lodge.

DAVID C. MOORE,
*Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, from the Special Committee, appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to arrange masonic documents, forwarded the following:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Ancient Documents beg leave to report that, owing to adverse circumstances, notably the explosion at Albion Mines, which caused great increase of occupation to two of the three members of the Committee, and the removal of the third member, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Wainwright, from Nova Scotia, your committee are compelled to ask leave to be continued, in order that their work may be completed. R. W. Bro. Wainwright's place should be filled by some brother whose abode is near that of the other members of the committee, in order to render frequent conference possible; and your committee beg leave to submit for the approval of Grand Lodge the name of W. Bro. John Green, of Keith Lodge, No. 23.

DAVID C. MOORE,
*Chairman.*

Stellarton, May 28, 1881.

R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper then offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. McDonald, and adopted:

*Resolved,* That the report of the Committee to arrange the Masonic documents collected by the late M. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe be received and adopted; and that the requests made therein be agreed to by Grand Lodge.

## ZETLAND LODGE.

The following petition from Zetland Lodge, No. 9, Liverpool, praying to be relieved from back dues was submitted to Grand Lodge:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

We the officers and members of Zetland Lodge, No 9, humbly petition and would ask your kind consideration for our indebtedness due the Grand Lodge for arrearages for past years—that is to say, for all dues due by us up to the present year; and we would respectfully ask you to forgive us said amount, as it is impossible under our present financial difficulties to pay the past arrears; but if ever in a position, we will be happy to make up a similar amount; and although we cannot forward you the whole amount of Grand Lodge dues for the present year just now, we will very shortly forward balance. Trusting that you will grant our request, which we shall consider a very great favour, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

Very truly and fraternally.

Signed by the officers of the Lodge.

Liverpool, May 19, 1881.

In connection with this petition, the R. W. Grand Secretary, referring to the statements contained in his report to Grand Lodge of this year, regarding the condition of Zetland Lodge, submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. Col. Poyntz, and adopted:

*Whereas*, Zetland Lodge has been for some years struggling with financial embarrassments, and has been excluded from the annual Communications of Grand Lodge, owing to its inability to comply with the requirements of Section 28, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, regarding the payment of annual dues to Grand Lodge;

*And whereas*, by the language of the petitioners, it is evident that the exclusion referred to may continue yet for a long time; and in order that its Representatives and Past Masters may in future enjoy the privilege of taking part in the Annual Communications of this Grand Body;

*Therefore resolved*, That all arrears due by Zetland Lodge to Grand Lodge to the 20th May, 1881, be, and the same are hereby remitted.

After the passing of this resolution, R. W. Bro. John M. Chase, a former member of Zetland Lodge, on behalf of the petitioners, thanked Grand Lodge for this act of generous consideration towards his former Lodge.

## THE CONSTITUTION—MOTIONS TO AMEND.

The eight following notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the next Annual Communication were given at the Annual Communication of 1880:

1. By W. Bro. T. B. Flint, to amend Section 10, Chapter 4, of the Constitution, by adding the words: "He shall then be reimbursed such reasonable expenses as he may have incurred in the discharge of said duties."

2. By W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, to amend Section 14, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, by expunging the words: "and all lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall."

3. By R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, to amend Section 5, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, by expunging the words "Master Mason," in the 6th line, and by substituting therefor the words "member of Grand Lodge."

4. By W. Bro. T. B. Crossby, to amend Section 5, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, by adding to the first clause the words: "All Past Masters may be allowed to vote in Grand Lodge by proxy, duly certified under seal of the lodge; the signature of the P. M. giving the proxy, and the certificate of the Master and Secretary being attached."

5. By R. W. Bro. A. K. Mackinlay, to amend Section 5, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, by expunging the second clause, viz:—All that part beginning "In order to enable" and ending "for the year just past."

6. By R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, to amend the second clause of Section 5, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, by altering the sixth line of the clause so that it shall read: "not however to exceed one-third the amount of dues of such lodge to the Grand Lodge."

7. By M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, to add to the Standing Regulations the following: "No Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall retain in his hands more than one hundred dollars of the funds of his lodge."

8. By R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, "That all cases recommended for expulsion be referred to a committee, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.

These notices were thus disposed of:

No. 1 was abandoned, the mover being absent.

No. 2 was abandoned, the mover being absent.

No. 3 was moved, put to vote, and declared lost.

No. 4 was moved, put to vote, and declared lost.

No. 5 was deferred until after the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Condition of Grand Lodge.

No. 6 was deferred until after the report of the Special Committee.

No. 7 was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Hudson, in the absence of M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, put to vote, and declared lost, a motion by Bro. Fielding, S. W. of St. John's Lodge, to substitute $50.00 for $100.00 having been first moved in amendment and declared lost.

No. 8 was put to vote and agreed to, with an addition moved by W. Bro. J. Poyntz, to the effect that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall have charge of such cases. The Regulation will therefore read as follows:—"All cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 1st, 1881.

At 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

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## THE CONSTITUTION TO BE PUBLISHED.

W. Bro. K. J. McKenzie, W. M. of New Caledonia Lodge, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to have the Constitution and Standing Regulations of Grand Lodge, as revised up to the present annual Communication, included in the published Proceedings, for the use and guidance of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, V. W. Bro. A. E. Curren and W. Bro. J. M. Mumford, were appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected :—

M. W. William Taylor ..... Grand Master.
R. W. Theodore A. Cossmann ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. T. R. Harris ..... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Lorenzo F. Darling ..... Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. James Dempster ..... Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren (re-elected) ..... Grand Secretary.
R. W. Joseph R. Bennett ..... Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. David C. Moore (re-elected) ..... Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. Henry D. DeBlois (re-elected) .... do.
R. W. Rev. Charles Bowman (re-elected) ..... do.
R. W. Rev. Richard Avery (re-elected) ..... do.
R. W. Rev. C. Churchward (re-elected) ..... do.
R. W. Rev. Simon Gibbon (re-elected) ..... do.
R. W. Rev. J. D. H. Browne ..... do.
V. W. K. J. McKenzie ..... Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. W. H. Townshend ..... Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. James Martin ..... G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. W. E. Starratt (re-elected) ..... G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. William V. Murray ..... G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. Samuel Porter (re-elected) ..... Grand Organist.
V. W. Benjamin H. Landis ..... Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. John Daley (re-elected) ..... Grand Steward.
V. W. Duncan McDougall ..... do.
V. W. B. N. Davis ..... do.
V. W. J. R. Green ..... do.
V. W. J. E. Hamilton ..... do.
V. W. J. McGillivray ..... do.
V. W. John M. Taylor (re-elected) ..... Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 2, 1881.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

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## REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

W. Bro. Col. J. Poyntz, from the Special Committee on the Acting Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on the Acting Grand Master's Address beg leave to report as follows:

The high and well merited encomiums on the death of M. W. Bro., Allen H. Crowe, late Grand Master, are such as must recommend themselves to this Grand Body, and your committee would suggest that a copy of that portion of the address be sent to the family of our deceased brother. Your committee regret that they cannot, under the present financial condition of this Grand Lodge, do more than express most fully their sympathy with the family of our deceased brother; but hope that the time will come when some action may be taken by this Grand Body, to perpetuate the memory of our late lamented Grand Master.

The consideration of the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge having been entrusted to a special committee, we leave that matter for them to report upon, expressing a hope that their recommendations will be such as will relieve Grand Lodge from its present embarrassment

We entirely concur in the official acts of the Acting Grand Master, and are pleased to note his remarks: "that he has not been called upon to decide any questions which would require from him anxious deliberation."

### DECISIONS OF THE LATE GRAND MASTER.

The following decisions of our late Grand Master, reported by the R. W. Grand Secretary, we fully endorse:—

"A brother holding the position of warden of a subordinate lodge, cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed."

"Permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than masonic purposes."

Your committee recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in the published proceedings, to the memory of our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe; the Rev. Henry P. Almon, Grand Chaplain; and V. W. James W. Fraser, Grand Steward.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
JAMES POYNTZ,
THEODORE A. COSSMANN,
*Committee.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, seconded by R. W. Bro. John F. Macdonald, it was

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the Acting Grand Master's Address be received; that the suggestions of the committee, the official acts of the Acting Grand Master, and the official decisions of the late Grand Master, referred to in said report, be adopted by Grand Lodge.

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## SENIOR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

W. Bro. D. McAulay, of Acadia Lodge, No. 13, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the position of Senior Grand Chaplain be conferred upon the Rev. and Venerable Bro. George Townshend, M. A., Canon, and Rural Dean of Amherst.

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## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. W. Taylor, from the Special Committee appointed yesterday on the Financial Condition of Grand Lodge, reported verbally, when the following resolution was submitted by W. Bro. John McGillivray, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Condition of Grand Lodge be received, and that the executive officers be requested to prepare a statement in detail showing the true financial condition of this Body, have the same printed and sent to every lodge in the jurisdiction, with the request

that the subordinate lodges make an effort to relieve Grand Lodge from its present financial embarrassment. (*See Financial Statement at the end of Proceedings and just before Return of Subordinate Lodges.*)

Referring to the present financial difficulties W. Bro. Thos. B. Crosby offered the following resolution:

*Whereas*, on hearing the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Condition of Grand Lodge, we find that Body in debt a sum exceeding $1150.00. We the Grand Lodge in session respectfully request that each lodge contribute the sum of at least fifty cents for each member as per the returns of 1881; said sum to be donated to place Grand Lodge in a satisfactory financial condition; and that said donation be remitted before the 1st of October next.

This resolution on being seconded and put to vote was not agreed to, in view of the circular on the financial condition of Grand Lodge shortly to be issued.

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## GRAND REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED.

W. Bro. William Proctor having presented credentials from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, accrediting him as the Representative of that Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was received as such Representative with the customary grand honors.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 2, 1881.

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, Senior Grand Warden, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

## SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Bro. Charles R. Borden, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, having been suspended by his Lodge on the charge "grossly unmasonic conduct," and King Solomon Lodge having requested Grand Lodge to expel said Bro. Charles R. Borden from the Craft, all papers in connection with the charge, and subsequent trial of the Brother, were, on motion, passed over to the committee on Grievances and Appeals, in conformity to the Standing Regulation adopted yesterday and now in force, R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend and J. R. Bennett being specially appointed to the Committee in lieu of members absent.

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## SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS IN RE CHARLES R. BORDEN.

We, the undersigned, a Special Committee on Grievances and Appeals, appointed by Grand Lodge to consider the complaint of King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, against Charles R. Borden, for gross unmasonic conduct, and who has been recommended for expulsion by the said Lodge beg leave to report:

1. That we have carefully examined the papers and documents referred to us by Grand Lodge in connection with the same.

2. That we find the charges and trial to have been made in due Masonic form, and the evidence in support of such charges sufficient.

3. We further recommend that this is a proper case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge, and that notice be given by the Grand Secretary to the party complained of, to show cause, at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled in accordance with the recommendation of King Solomon Lodge.

Dated June 2nd, 1881.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,
JOSEPH R. BENNETT,
*Committee.*

On motion the above report was received and adopted.

## SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Bro. James Fraser, of New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, having been suspended on the charge of "gross and infamous conduct," and New Caledonia Lodge having requested Grand Lodge to expel said Bro. James Fraser from the Craft, all papers in connection with the charge, and subsequent trial of the brother were, on motion, passed over to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, in conformity to the Standing Regulation now in force.

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## SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS IN RE JAMES FRASER.

The committee appointed specially to report on the case of James Fraser, of New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, recommended by that lodge to Grand Lodge for expulsion, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That they have carefully examined the papers and documents referred to them.
2. That they are of opinion, from the papers produced, that the proceedings are not in regular form.
3. That they cannot recommend the Grand Lodge to take any further action, and suggest that the papers be referred back to New Caledonia Lodge to deal with the matter if they think fit, according to masonic law and usage.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,
JOSEPH R. BENNETT,
*Committee.*

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

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## PETITION FROM SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

The following communication from Scotia Lodge, No. 31, concerning a late brother under suspension, was read, received, and on motion, the prayer of the petition to discontinue proceedings, was unanimously granted.

KEITH HALL, YARMOUTH, N. S.,
SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31, R. N. S.,
May 10th, A. D. 1881.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia:*

Scotia Lodge, No. 31, R. N. S., begs leave to communicate to Grand Lodge the following extract from the minutes of said Lodge of May 10th inst.:—

"Past Master Flint, the Secretary, notified the Lodge of the death of the late Bro. Frederick S. Johnson, formerly under suspension; and moved that this Lodge notify Grand Lodge of said death and apply to Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw the complaint and proceedings now in plea in Grand Lodge against that late Brother. The motion was seconded by Past Master Pelton and was unanimously adopted."

Wherefore Scotia Lodge respectfully applies to Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw said complaint, and prays Grand Lodge to cause the same to be forthwith discontinued.

GEO. S. TAYLOR, *W. Master,*
THOS. B. FLINT, *Secretary.*

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## REQUEST FOR EXPULSION NOT COMPLIED WITH.

Bro. Murdock McKinnon of Sircom Lodge, Whycocomagh, having been suspended by that lodge and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion; and having been summoned to appear at this Annual Communication, answered the summons by letter from Ottawa, his place of residence, addressed to Grand Lodge, in which he proceeds to defend himself from the charges made against him, and to show why he should not be expelled from the Masonic Body.

The following resolution was then adopted, on motion of the Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Lauchlin J. Hart, W. Master of Sircom Lodge:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge does not consider the offence with which Bro. McKinnon is charged, of so serious a nature as to call for expulsion, the severest punishment known to the Craft; and therefore declines to expel that brother from the fraternity.

## MOTIONS TO AMEND SECTION 5, CHAPTER 1.

In the absence of R. W. Bro. Mackinlay, his motion to amend Section 5, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, marked 5 on page 40, was moved by R.W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read, with the addition of the following: "And until the finances of Grand Lodge are in such a condition as to justify a return to that part of the section now sought to be expunged."

This motion, on being put to vote, was declared "lost."

R.W. Bro. W. A. Hesson's notice, marked 6 on page 40, was moved by Bro. W. H. Townshend, put to vote, and declared "lost."

The Constitution, therefore, remains as it stood at the close of the Annual Communication of 1880.

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## TENDERS FOR PRINTING TO BE CALLED FOR.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be authorized to call for tenders for the printing of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, such tenders to be submitted to the Grand Master, and to be decided upon by him and the Grand Secretary.

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## BILL FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES NOT ALLOWED.

R. W. Bro. Black, D. D. G. M., having forwarded a bill for $41.45, expenses incurred by him in his official visitations of lodges, the following resolution in regard to said bill was offered by R. W. Bro. Cossmann, D. D. G. M., and adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform R. W. Bro. Black that the Constitution does not provide for the payment of District Deputy Grand Masters.

## ACCOUNTS FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following accounts against Grand Lodge, for travelling expenses of Representatives to the Annual Communication in June, 1880, having been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, were submitted and read:

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| Albion, No. 5 | $ 8 00 |
| Scotia, No. 31 | 21 00 |
| Eureka, No. 42 | 9 81 |
| Harmony, No. 52 | 8 16 |
| Hiram, No. 53 | 18 00 |
| King Solomon, No. 54 | 15 75 |

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## RESOLUTION CONCERNING BILLS FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following resolution was submitted by R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, and on motion, adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the accounts from different lodges, and that he be authorized to write to the lodges, requesting them to allow the consideration of the same to remain standing, until the receipt of the circular to be issued on the financial position of Grand Lodge.

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## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE.

St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, having withheld from its annual amount due to Grand Lodge for 1881 the sum of $7.64, expenses incurred by its Representative to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1880, the Grand Secretary asked for instructions with regard to the disposal of the account against that lodge in Grand Lodge books; and certain correspondence on the subject having been called for by Grand Lodge, the following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, seconded by R. W. Bro. Col. J. Poyntz and adopted:

*Resolved*, That in view of the explanation given by the Representative of St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, no further action be taken against that lodge at the present session; but that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the lodge that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, their action in altering the returns of Grand Lodge and withholding a portion of their dues is improper, and disrespectful to this Body; and that St. George's Lodge be notified forthwith to forward the amount still due, and send new returns properly made out before the first of August next.

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# REPORT OF BRO. W. A. HESSON.

## SECRETARY OF TRUSTEES.

TRUSTEES OF FREEMASONS' HALL, *in account with* WILLIAM A. HESSON.

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| 1880. | | |
| May 1. | To rent due by Chapters and Lodges | $883 00 |
| Nov. 1. | " " " " | 825 00 |
| | | $1708 00 |
| | By amount of rent collected and paid Grand Treasurer to May 16, 1881 | $1447 00 |
| May 31. | Balance of rent due | 261 00 |
| | | $1708 00 |

ASSETS.

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| 1881. | | |
| May 1. | Balance brought down | 261 00 |
| | Rents to date | 872 00 |
| | | $1133 00 |

PUBLIC ROOM.

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| 1881. | | |
| May 1. | To cash received for rent | 127 00 |
| | Amount due | 17 00 |
| | | $144 00 |
| 1881. | | |
| May 30. | By cash paid Grand Treasurer | 127 00 |
| | " Rent due | 17 00 |
| | | $144 00 |

OLD HALL.

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| 1881. | | |
| Feb. 21. | Cash received | 30 00 |
| | Rent due | 8 00 |
| | | $38 00 |
| 1881. | | |
| May 30. | Cash paid Grand Treasurer | 30 00 |
| | Rent due | 8 00 |
| | | $38 00 |

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read the above Statement was received and adopted.

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## SPECIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES ON OLD FREEMASONS' HALL.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property beg to report as follows in reference to the old "Freemasons' Hall":

They have all along endeavoured to lease and sell this property with little or no results up to the present time.

But lately they have been negotiating for leasing the same under an extended lease of say fifteen years, at a rental of three hundred dollars per year. The tenant binding himself to expend not less than six thousand dollars repairing, altering and extending the building under the approval of the Trustees. The tenant also to have the option of purchasing the property at ten thousand dollars within five years from the commencement of the lease.

As the lease asked is so extended, the Trustees concluded to submit the proposals to Grand Lodge, and to ask that the subjoined resolution or one to that effect be adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property be empowered to enter into an agreement in reference to the leasing and sale of the old "Freemasons' Hall," in keeping with the terms as embodied in the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, 1st June, 1881.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. R. Bennett, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, the special report of the Trustees just read was received and adopted.

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## PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the

past year, and to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge.

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## TRUSTEES ELECTED.

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property for the ensuing year :

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Grand Master.*
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.
BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary.*
ALFRED H. WOODILL.
WILLIAM A. HESSON.
JAMES GOSSIP.
JAMES MUMFORD.
CHARLES J. McDONALD.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.

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## CHAIRMAN OF ORGAN COMMITTEE.

R. W. Bro. W. Williams offered the following resolution, which was seconded by V. W. Bro. A. E. Curren and adopted:

*Resolved,* That R. W. Bro. W. Taylor be appointed Chairman of the Organ Committee of Grand Lodge, in place of the late M. W. Grand Master.

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## M. W. BRO. COL. J. W. LAURIE, GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF ENGLAND.

The following correspondence on the appointment of M. W. Bro. Colonel J. W. Laurie, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, as Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge, was presented by the R. W. Grand Secretary and read :

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,
20th January, 1881.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—

I am commanded by the M. W. the Grand Master of England to inform you that His Royal Highness has been pleased to appoint you to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in succession to the late M. W. Grand Master Crowe whose decease His Royal Highness has learned with regret.

I am to add that your patent is in preparation, and that I hope shortly to have the pleasure of presenting it to you in person.

With hearty congratulations on your appointment,

I remain, dear Sir and M. W. Bro.,

Yours, fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel,
*Grand Sec'y. of England.*

M. W. BRO. COL. J. WIMBURN LAURIE,
*Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

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FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,
3rd March, 1881.

*R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Sec'y. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :*

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,—

I have the honour to inform you that our M. W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint M. W. Bro. Colonel J. Wimburn Laurie to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near your Grand Lodge, in succession to M. W. Bro., your late Grand Master, Allan H. Crowe, the intelligence of whose decease His Royal Highness has received with much regret.

Colonel Laurie being in London, I have had the pleasure of handing him his patent in person.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.,

Yours, fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel,
*Grand Sec'y. of England.*

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received, some time ago a letter from M. W. Bro. Laurie, in which he referred to the probability of his arriving in Nova Scotia in time to

present, in person, at this Communication of Grand Lodge, his credentials as the Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Bro. Laurie, however, not having yet arrived from England, it was moved by R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, seconded by W. Bro. K. J. Mackenzie, and

*Resolved,* That the letters just read from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England be received, and that this Grand Lodge has great pleasure in sanctioning the appointment referred to.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate with the two Grand Lodges whose Representatives here are now under suspension by their Lodges, informing them of the fact.

Grand Lodge was called from labor, to meet at 8 o'clock, p.m.

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## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 2, 1881.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

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## GRAND TREASURER'S BOND.

In conformity to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution, R. W. Bro. C. J. Townshend submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Hudson and adopted :—

*Resolved,* That the penalty of the Bond to be furnished by the Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, and to be given to the Grand Master, be fixed at two thousand dollars.

## SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

R. W. Bro. George T. Smithers, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, near this Grand Lodge, announced the gratifying intelligence that the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland were now happily at an end.

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when, R. W, Bro. Lewis Johnstone, with the assistance of V. W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, installed the following Grand Officers elect:

M. W. William Taylor ..... Grand Master.
R. W. Theodore A. Cossmann ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Thomas R. Harris ..... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Lorenzo F. Darling ..... Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. James Dempster ..... Grand Treasurer.
R W. Benjamin Curren ..... Grand Secretary.
R. W. Joseph R. Bennett ..... Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. Geo. Townshend ..... Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. John D. H. Browne ..... do.
V. W. Kenneth J. McKenzie ..... Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. William H. Townshend ..... Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. James Martin ..... G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. W. E. Starratt ..... G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. William V. Murray ..... G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. Samuel Porter ..... Grand Organist.
V. W. Benjamin H. Landis ..... Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. John Daley ..... Grand Steward.
V. W. Benj. N. Davis ..... do.
V. W. J. R. Green ..... do.
V. W. J. E. Hamilton ..... do.
V. W. J. McGillivray ..... do.
V. W. John M. Taylor ..... Grand Tyler.

R. W. Bro. J. McGillivray offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Curren, and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to V. W. Bro. S. Porter, Grand Organist, and to the brethren who have so ably assisted him this evening in providing music during the installation ceremonies.

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## VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ACTING GRAND MASTER.

W. Bro. T. Trenaman submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. W. H. Townshend, and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Past Deputy Grand Master, for the able manner in which the duties of the Grand Master's office have been performed by him during the last seven months, and especially for the very courteous and efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of Grand Lodge during the present Communication.

R. W. Bro. Johnstone in returning thanks acknowledged the high compliment paid him in the terms of the resolution, and by the unanimous and very hearty manner in which it had been received by Grand Lodge.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the next Annual Communication were given as follows :

By W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, to amend Section 10, Chapter 1 of the Constitution, by inserting the words, " or such other place as Grand Lodge at the annual session shall direct," immediately after the word " Halifax" on the second time.

By R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, for the appointment of a Board of General Purposes.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials.*

C. J. Macdonald, J. M. Mumford, John Hicks.

*On Constitution and Regulations.*

W. F. MacCoy, G. Fielding, D. McDougall.

*On Grievances and Appeal.*

J. W. Longley, W. Williams, A. B. Wilmot.

*On Finance and Audit.*

A. E. Curren, O. M. Hill, A. Waddell.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

Rev. D. C. Moore, T. B. Flint, L. Johnstone.

*On Charters.*

S. Porter, J. Crawford, C. Biddle.

*On Library and Reading Room.*

B. Curren, J. Gossip, A. K. Mackinlay.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

First District, R. W. William Williams, Halifax.
Second District, R. W. J. R. Wyman, Yarmouth.
Third District, R. W. Aubrey Blanchard, Windsor.
Fourth District, R. W. John McGillivray, New Glasgow
Fifth District, R. W. C. Crewe-Read, Sydney, C. B.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by the Rev. George Townshend, Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A. D., 1882, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
*Grand Secretary.*

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The following Report on the Financial Condition of Grand Lodge was prepared almost immediately after the close of the Annual Communication of 1881, and issued to every lodge in the Jurisdiction, in accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge. *(See these "Proceedings." page 44.)*

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia, passed on the second inst., the Executive Officers submit to the lodges the following report on the Finances of Grand Lodge. This is in a great measure a repetition of the Finance Committee's special report in Grand Lodge, but amended so far as time and means within reach of the Executive would permit.

*First*, We give as nearly as possible the position of the current funds of the Grand Lodge at the 1st of June, inst., in the shape of Assets and Liabilities, as follows :—

## ASSETS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Grand Treasurer's balance | $ 25 22 | |
| Grand Secretary received at 1st June | 175 75 | |
| | | $219 97 |

### Fees and Dues Owing Grand Lodge, Viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 2, St. John's, 1 year | $ 57 50 | |
| 17, Keith, 1 year | 33 50 | |
| 20, St. George's, balance | 7 64 | |
| 24, Concord, 2 years, about | 30 00 | |
| 25, Westport, 1 year, about | 12 00 | |
| 30, Albert, 2 years | 79 75 | |
| 31, Scotia, 1 year | 21 00 | |
| 39, Acacia, 1 year | 42 25 | |
| 44, Poyntz, 1 year, about | 25 00 | |
| 46, Solomon, 1 year, about | 18 00 | |
| 48, Widow's Son, 1 year | 12 75 | |
| 53, Hiram, 1 year | 8 00 | |
| 59, Manitoba, 1 year, about | 30 00 | |
| 71 Granville, 1 year, about | 20 00 | |
| | $397 39 | |
| Deduct as very doubtful | 122 00 | |
| | | 275 39 |

### Lodges, &c., Rents Due, Viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 1, St. Andrew's | 129 00 | |
| 2, St. John's | 140 50 | |
| 6, Royal Sussex | 62 50 | |
| 14, Acadia | 75 00 | |
| 15, Athole | 62 50 | |
| 17, Keith | 62 50 | |
| 18, Union | 62 50 | |
| 38, Lodge of St. Mark | 62 50 | |
| Royal Standard, E. R. | 63 50 | |
| Royal Union Chapter | 62 50 | |
| St. Andrew's Chapter | 62 50 | |
| Encampment, 2 years | 125 00 | |
| | $970 50 | |
| Deduct as doubtful | 125 00 | |
| | | 845 50 |
| Rent of Public Hall | | 17 00 |
| | | 1357 86 |
| Deficiency to balance | | 576 33 |
| | | $1934 19 |

## LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Coupons due 1st Dec., 1880 | $201 60 | |
| City Taxes of 1879 and 1880 | 383 64 | |
| | | $585 24 |

APPROXIMATE REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENSES FOR 1880 AND 1881, VIZ:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4, Unity | $24 00 | Forward | $525 00 |
| 5, Albion | 16 00 | 44, Solomon | 18 00 |
| 7, St. Andrew's | 56 00 | 48, Widow's Son | 6 00 |
| 8, Acacia | 23 00 | 50, Western Star | 17 00 |
| 11, New Caledonia | 14 00 | 52, Harmony | 16 00 |
| 12, Hiram | 43 00 | 54, King Solomon | 31 00 |
| 13, Acadia | 23 00 | 57, Temple | 18 00 |
| 16, Keith | 30 00 | 58, Kentville | 17 00 |
| 19, Royal Albert | 42 00 | 46, Manitoba | 8 00 |
| 20, St. George's | 15 00 | 61, Clarke | 10 00 |
| 23, Keith | 16 00 | 63, Corinthian | 8 00 |
| 26, Welsford | 17 00 | 66, Sircom | 42 00 |
| 28, Scotia | 19 00 | 67, Minas | 21 00 |
| 31, Scotia | 21 00 | 68, Curren | 16 00 |
| 33, Annapolis Royal | 12 00 | 69, Charity | 24 00 |
| 34, Queens | 20 00 | 70, Laurie | 20 00 |
| 35, St. Mark's | 55 00 | 71, Granville | 12 00 |
| 36, Thistle | 25 00 | 72, Eastern Light | 22 00 |
| 41, Rothsay | 14 00 | 73, Ionic | 16 00 |
| 42, Eureka | 10 00 | 74, North Star | 16 00 |
| 43, Truro | 10 00 | 75, Wimburn | 20 00 |
| 45, Tyrian Youth | 20 00 | 76, Wallace | 10 00 |
| | $525 00 | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 891 00 | |
| Tyler | 30 00 | |
| A. G. McLean, special duty | 8 90 | |
| | | $929 90 |
| Account, W. & C. Silver, balance | 390 00 | |
| " Blackadar Bros | 4 50 | |
| " Herald Co | 4 50 | |
| " G. Rent | 20 05 | |
| | | 419 05 |
| | | $1934 19 |

*Secondly*, We submit the Estimated Income and the Appropriation for the ensuing Masonic year, ending 1st June, 1882.

## INCOME.

### General Account.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Diploma and Enrolment Fees | $ 340 00 | |
| Lodge Annual Dues | 2100 00 | |
| Grand Lodge Proceedings | 90 00 | |
| Dispensations, &c. | 10 00 | |
| | | $2540 00 |

### Freemasons' Hall.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rent of 11 Lodges at $125.00 per annum | 1375 00 | |
| " 2 Chapters " " | 250 00 | |
| " Preceptory " | 62 50 | |
| Emergent Meetings | 12 00 | |
| | | 1699 50 |
| Rent of Public Rooms and Old Hall | | 120 00 |
| Donation by Grand Secretary | | 100 00 |
| | | 4459 50 |
| Deficiency to be provided for, 1st June, 1882 | | 974 23 |
| | | $5433 73 |

## APPROPRIATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deficiency at 1st June, 1881 | | $576 63 |
| Interest on Mortgage, 6 per cent | $1320 00 | |
| " to Mr. Brookfield | 600 00 | |
| " on Debentures, 4 per cent | 486 00 | |
| | | 2406 40 |
| City Taxes | 205 00 | |
| City Water Rates | 50 00 | |
| Gas | 225 00 | |
| Fuel | 175 00 | |
| Janitor | 156 00 | |
| Insurance | 175 00 | |
| | | 986 00 |
| Grand Secretary | 600 00 | |
| Printing Reports, &c. | 300 00 | |
| Stationery and Stamps | 50 00 | |
| Advertising | 10 00 | |
| Tyler | 30 00 | |
| Incidental Expenses | 25 00 | |
| | | 1015 00 |
| Representatives' Expenses for one year | | 450 00 |
| | | $5433 73 |

The first of these statements shows that $576.33 was required to meet the several amounts payable at the meeting of the Grand Lodge at 1st June last. The second statement exhibits a deficiency of $974.23 in the present resources of the Grand Lodge to meet its requirements for the current year, by including in these requirements the amount due at the commencement of the year.

There is a further liability which the Executive consider proper to present in this report. This is interest on the Benevolent Fund. This Fund, amounting to about $3200.00, has been nearly all invested in the new Freemasons' Hall. The interest on this fund at, say 6 per cent. per annum, would add about $192.00 for benevolent objects, to the foregoing appropriation, and consequently increase the present deficiency by that amount. How this deficiency is to be remedied is a most urgent and important question for the Lodges. The undermentioned have most liberally donated the several sums mentioned, being the whole amount due, in many instances, for representatives' expenses. These are:

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 7, St. Andrew's, per Col. Reade | $ 25 00 |
| 12, Hiram, per Lodge | 27 50 |
| 16, Keith, per E. Tupper | 15 00 |
| 20, St. George's, per J. B. Davison | 7 50 |
| 26, Welsford, per Col. Poyntz | 8 50 |
| " " J. R. Cowen | 8 50 |
| 43, Truro, per H. T. Lawrence | 5 00 |
| 54, King Solomon, per J. Daley | 15 75 |
| 66, Sircom, per R. J. Hart | 19 50 |
| 74, North Star, per J. D. Cooke | 20 00 |
| Total | $152 25 |

If the other lodges in the Jurisdiction will come forward in this or some similar way, the very embarrassed financial situation will be remedied for the present. And whatever is attempted to be done is required to be done at once. Insurance, interest and other pressing claims require immediate attention. The Executive can furnish a supplementary report when the annual report comes out, say in about three or four months. This will only be just to those who may take action and forward a donation either by a receipt for claims or by a special contribution, which can be all acknowledged in that way.

As to what is to be done in the future, we must express the hope that good counsel, and judicious and zealous efforts to overcome the difficulties before us, will result in a complete termination to them.

Any errors in the items of these statements can be corrected in the annual report, if lodges will please send a bill of items, or other memo. to that effect.

The subject is now left to the earnest and favorable consideration of the

several lodges in the Jurisdiction; and the Executive await most anxiously a reply from each, trusting to have a most liberal response according to their several abilities, thus providing such remedy for our peculiar crisis as may appear best.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. TAYLOR, *Grand Master,*
*Chairman of the Executive of the Grand Lodge.*

Halifax, June 27, 1881.

A list of additional donations, in response to this Financial Report and appeal for help issued by the M. W. Grand Master, as well as further information, will be found at the end of this Book.

# RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the year ending June 1st. A. D., 1881—A. L. 5881.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

S. PORTER.....*Worshipful Master.*
F. W. JUBIEN.....*Senior Warden.*
F. J. BOWLES.....*Junior Warden.*
H. McC. HART.....*Treasurer.*
J. B. CORMACK.....*Secretary.*
W. CROWE.....*Senior Deacon.*
T. H. FRANCIS.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. DEMPSTER.....*Inner Guard.*
W. R. COGSWELL.....*Senior Stewart.*
J. H. JOST.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Woodill, P. G. W.
J. W. Scott.
T. S. Lownds.
R. C. Hamilton.
A. H. Woodill, P. D. G. M.
J. Dempster, G. T.
T. Trenaman.
J. H. Jost.
J. M. Chase.
J. C. Cahil.
Rev. J. D. H. Browne, G. C.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. ROBERTSON.....*Worshipful Master.*
G. H. FIELDING.....*Senior Warden.*
C. C. CARTER.....*Junior Warden.*
J. KERR.....*Treasurer.*
L. A. BARNABY.....*Secretary.*
D. RUTHERFORD.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. E. DODWELL.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. INGLIS.....*Inner Guard.*
W. J. TATHAM.....*Senior Steward.*
S. TROTT.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.
J. Martin, G. S. of W.
J. W. Laurie, Past G. Master
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.
A. K. Mackinlay, P. G. W.
H. J. Marshall, P. G. W.
C. F. Vose.
J. Lawlor.
L. E. Tremaine.
E. M. Veith.
J. N. Ritchie, P. G. W.
S. G. Rigby, P. D. G. M.
W. Inglis.
W. F. MacCoy.
G. Anderson.

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## VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. HICKS.....*Worshipful Master.*
W. ROSS.....*Senior Warden.*
H. E. BELFIELD.....*Junior Warden.*
W. A. HESSON.....*Treasurer.*
C. W. TUPPER.....*Secretary.*
E. J. GORHAM.....*Senior Deacon.*
C. J. SPIKE.....*Junior Deacon.*
G. TOWERS.....*Inner Guard.*
J. HEDINGHAM.....*Senior Steward.*
F. B. MARTER.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.
R. T. Roome.
B. Curren, P. G. W., G. Secretary.
J. Gossip, P. G. W.
T. Mowbray.
C. C. Vaux.
C. E Puttner.
A. Stephen.
J. Wall.
A. E. Curren.

## UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

### LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. M. OWEN..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. TOWNSHEND ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. A. ZWICKER..... *Junior Warden.*
H. S. JOST..... *Treasurer.*
E. H. SOLOMON ..... *Secretary.*
A. THURLOW..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. ETTER ..... *Junior Deacon.*
C. ARENBURG ..... *Inner Guard.*
D. J. RUDOLF.. ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. COLDWELL ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. GRAY..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. S. Jost. E. H. Solomon.

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## ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

### NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

R. A. WALKER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. R. TURNER..... *Senior Warden.*
J. H. CAVANAGH ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McGILLIVRAY ..... *Treasurer.*
R. GRANT..... *Secretary.*
J. CUMMING ..... *Senior Deacon.*
S. M. McCURDY..... *Junior Deacon.*
R. P. McKAY ..... *Inner Guard.*
C. J. McKINNON..... *Senior Steward.*
H. T. SUTHERLAND ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. REEVES ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. J. Cameron.
A. M. Holmes.
J. F. McDonald.
K. McLeod.
P. R. Meikle.
G. A. Douglas.
A. Fraser.
A. McQueen.
J. McGillivray, D. D. G. M.
H. T. Sutherland.

## ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D McDOUGALL.....*Worshipful Master.*
G. TAYLOR .....*Senior Warden.*
T. ROBINSON .....*Junior Warden.*
T. P. JOST.....*Treasurer.*
J. M. MUMFORD.....*Secretary.*
J. COLE.....*Senior Deacon.*
B. J. PRITCHARD.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. FOSTER .....*Inner Guard.*
J. McLEARN.....*Senior Steward.*
K. McKENZIE .....*Junior Steward.*
J M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. M. Taylor, G. Tyler.
W. H. Tully, P. G. W
W. Holloway, P. G. W.
J. McLearn.
H. B. Sellon.
J. M. Mumford.
G McKenzie.
E. Fultz.
D. L. Johns.

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## ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7.

### SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 493, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS OF THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. McLEOD .....*Worshipful Master.*
E. S. STIRLING .....*Senior Warden.*
T. W. PUBLICOVER.....*Junior Warden.*
A. J. McDONALD .....*Treasurer.*
D. MATHESON .....*Secretary.*
J. A. BURNS .....*Senior Deacon.*
B. McKITTRICK .....*Junior Deacon.*
J. PATTERSON .....*Inner Guard.*
T. C. HAROLD .....*Senior Steward.*
C. PASS.....*Junior Steward.*
J. C. TOWNSEND.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M.
N. L McKay.
M. Dodd.
A. D. McGillivray.
J. McKenzie.
D. Matheson.
A. G. McLean, P. S. G. W.

## ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

### AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. B. ETTER..... *Worshipful Master.*
H. M. COATES ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. J. MORRISON..... *Junior Warden.*
S. R. GREENFIELD ..... *Treasurer.*
R. W. CHIPMAN..... *Secretary.*
H. CURRY..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. E. BIGELOW ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. W. DOUGLAS ..... *Marshal.*
E. W. KNIGHT ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. W. BAKER ..... *Junior Steward.*
E. F. COATES..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Hill.
N. Tupper, P. G. W.
C. J. Townshend.
J. White.
J. A. Dickey.
W. J. Moffat.
C. R. Smith.

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## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

### LIVERPOOL.

Formerly No. 562, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. C. PARKER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
R. McLEOD ..... *Senior Warden.*
I. B. MIDDLEMASS..... *Junior Warden.*
J. M. COLE ..... *Treasurer.*
A. L. WEST..... *Secretary.*
F. F. FORBES ..... *Senior Deacon.*
F. PUTNAM..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. B. GELDERT ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. E. WILE ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. E. BUCHANAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. LAING ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Cobb.
J. M. Cole.
D. Buchanan.
J. N. S. Marshall.
W. Knaut.
E. J. Thomson.
T. Fraser.
J. Edgar.

## BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. WADDELL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. PATTERSON ..... *Senior Warden.*
T. WILSON ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. FORTUNE ..... *Treasurer.*
J. R. BENNETT ..... *Secretary.*
C. BUCKSEY ..... *Senior Deacon.*
E. MANSFIELD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. OVERY ..... *Marshal.*
R. MOSELY ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. D. BROKENSHIRE ..... *Junior Steward.*

PAST MASTERS :

Robert Brechin, P. D. G. M. (Hon.)
William Taylor, Grand Master.
James Fortune.
David Pottinger, P. G. W.
Alex. Waddell.
W. A. Garrison.
S. Mosher.
J. T. Clarke.
G. E. Charles.
J. R. Bennett, G. L.
O. Jones.
Rev. R. Wainwright.
W. A McKenzie.
J. H. Balcam.

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## NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

### PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, ALSO ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER (BOTH INCLUSIVE.)

OFFICERS :

K. J. McKENZIE ..... *Worshipful Master.*
N. FRASER ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. F. TANNER ..... *Junior Warden.*
N. MORRISON ..... *Treasurer.*
G. E. JOHNSTONE ..... *Secretary.*
C. E. TANNER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. McKNIGHT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. N. MURRAY ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. R. DAVIES ..... *Senior Steward.*
D. F. IVES ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. DAVEY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

R. Tanner.
J. A. Gordon.
G. R. Davies.
J. J. Davies.
T. Robley.
T. R. Davies.
T. Tanner.
H. Kirkwood.

## HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. C. CORNING ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. G. GRANT ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. W. REID ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. R. WYMAN ..... *Treasurer.*
T. B. CROSBY ..... *Secretary.*
T, V. B. BINGAY ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. ROGERS ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. SLEETHE ..... *Inner Guard.*
W. D. ROSS ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. MOODY ..... *Junior Steward.*
B. B. SMITH ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

T. V. B. Bingay.
A. J. Hood.
C. Christie.
J. W. Bingay.
A. S. Hood.
J. Lawson.
J. R. Wyman, D. D. G. M.
T. B. Crosby.
F. L. Hatfield.

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## ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

### PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 23, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. MACKINTOSH ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. E. WARNER ..... *Senior Warden.*
H. HUSTON ..... *Junior Warden.*
H. C. BLACK ..... *Treasurer.*
D. MACAULAY ..... *Secretary.*
D. CAMPBELL ..... *Senior Deacon.*
E. KING ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. N. SEAMAN ..... *Inner Guard.*
R. SMITH ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. MITCHELL ..... *Junior Steward.*
G. McKINNON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. C. Black.
D. Macaulay.
R. Smith.
E. King.

## ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

O. M. HILL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. J. McKIEL..... *Senior Warden.*
T. C. ALLEN..... *Junior Warden.*
D. M. SUTHERLAND ..... *Treasurer.*
H. H. BLIGH..... *Secretary.*
T. G. CREELMAN ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. HAMILL ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. D. STEWART..... *Inner Guard.*
D. STEWART ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. C. McMILLAN..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. Fraser.
J. Sutherland.
A. McLeod.
J. W. Ruhland.
T. D. Spike.
J. K. Bent.

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## ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. B. WILMOT ..... *Worshipful Master.*
B. H. LANDIS ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. MOSHIER ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McINNIS ..... *Treasurer.*
W. WILLIAMS ..... *Secretary.*
J. H. DOW..... *Senior Deacon.*
L. J. FILES ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. E. M. TAYLOR ..... *Marshal.*
W. E. WISWELL..... *Senior Steward.*
J. T. ELLIOTT..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

C. J. McDonald, P. D. G. M.
J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.
W. Williams, P.G. W., D. D. G. M.
J. J. Stewart.
A. Carpenter.
T. Mitchell.
J. T. Hamilton.

## KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

### HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. H. PURDY ..... *Worshipful Master.*
D. J. MORSE..... *Senior Warden.*
W. J. CLARK ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. MARSHALL..... *Treasurer.*
G. NICHOLL..... *Secretary.*
J. BENSON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. BENSON..... *Junior Deacon.*
C. HULSMAN ..... *Inner Guard.*
E. E. TUPPER ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. HARRIS ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. HALLIDAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. Nicholl.
J. Harlow.
J. Benson.
J. V. Purdy.
E. E. Tupper, P. S. G. W
S. Kniffin.
C. Hulsman.

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## KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R.S. Established Jan., 1852. Also, No. 3, R.N.S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. CRAWFORD..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. W. HECKMAN ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. H. HOLT ..... *Junior Warden.*
W. McNALLY ..... *Treasurer.*
J. A. SMITH..... *Secretary.*
J. QUIGLEY... ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. LYNCH ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. R. HART ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. K. MUNNIS..... *Senior Steward.*
T. PERRIN ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. K. Munnis.
J. T. Wood.
W. McNally.
D. M. Hazel.
W. Lowe.
W. H. Havill.
J. N. Lindsay.
D. F. Douglas.

## UNION LODGE, No. 18.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. F. BIDDLE ..... *Worshipful Master*
T. G. D. SCOTLAND..... *Senior Warden.*
W. T. BAILEY..... *Junior Warden.*
P. E. McKERROW ..... *Treasurer.*
J. JACKSON..... ..*Secretary.*
J. FLINT ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. KNIGHT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. SKINNER ..... ..... *Inner Guard.*
P. BUSHENPIN ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. JONES ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W T. Davis. W B. Thomas.
P. E. McKerrow. C. E. Brackett.
B. N. Davis, G. St.

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## ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.

### NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also, No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

J. N. ARMSTRONG ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. ROBINSON ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. J. FORBES ..... *Junior Warden.*
D. McKAY..... ..... *Treasurer.*
G. F. M. FORBES ..... *Secretary.*
A. R. FORBES..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. E. McDONALD ..... ..... *Junior Deacon.*
N. MARTELL ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. IVEY..... *Senior Steward.*
J. W. GORDON ..... ...*Junior Steward.*
D. SCOTT. ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. H. Christie. Wm. Proctor.
W. Purves. D. McKay.
J. Vooght. N. Martell.
D. Lawlor.

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFVILLE, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. S. MURRAY.....*Worshipful Master.*
S. R. SLEEP.....*Senior Warden.*
J. E. BISHOP.....*Junior Warden.*
J. B. DAVISON.....*Treasurer.*
A. BARSS.....*Secretary.*
W. P. SHAFFNER.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. W. CALDWELL.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. HARDWICK.....*Marshal.*
M. PICK.....*Senior Steward.*
J. H. SMITH.....*Junior Steward.*
W. C. BLACKADDAR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Bigelow.
E. P. Armstrong.
E. N. Payzant.
G. H. Wallace.
J. W. Caldwell.
J. B. Davison.

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## DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

## KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

STELLARTON.

Formerly 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. R. GREEN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. ROSS ..... *Senior Warden.*
G. A. WARD..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McQUARRIE ..... *Treasurer.*
J. FRASER ..... *Secretary.*
W. SUTHERLAND ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. G. S. HUDSON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. R. McKAY ..... *Marshal.*
C. HOLMES ..... *Senior Steward.*
D. A. DICKSON ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. G. GRANT ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Maxwell.
L. Johnstone, P. D. G. M.
J. Hudson, P. D. G. M.
J. McQuarrie.
J. D. Ross.
R. Niven.
Rev. D. C. Moore, G. C.
W. McKenzie.
A. B. Gray.
G. C. Alexander.
J. Denoon.

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## CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No, —, R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

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## WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY COUNTY.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

## WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. S. SANFORD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. HALEY..... *Senior Warden.*
E. D. SHAND ..... ..... *Junior Warden.*
D. DAVIS ..... *Treasurer.*
H. W. DIMOCK..... ..... *Secretary.*
J. A. WEBB .... ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. McNEIL ..... ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. LUNN ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. HARVEY..... *Senior Steward.*
J. G. ALLISON ..... ... *Junior Steward.*
J. EDWARDS ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Lieut. Col. James Poyntz.
W. W. Rickards.
F. W. Dakin, P. G. W.
C. W. Dimock.
J. B. Black.
H. W. Dimock.
A. Blanchard, D. D. G. M.
J. R. Cowen.

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## WIDOW'S FRIEND LODGE, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, 1874.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

P. BROWN..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. B. VAUGHAN..... *Senior Warden.*
W. H. BAXTER ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. B. BAXTER ..... *Treasurer.*
H. A. BORDEN ..... *Secretary.*
L. B. WARNER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
V. GREEN..... *Junior Deacon.*
R. G. CHISHOLM ..... *Inner Guard.*
E. J. LOOMER..... *Senior Steward.*
D. R. HUNTLEY..... *Junior Steward.*
C. E. LOCKWOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie.
H. A. Borden.
F. W. Borden, M. D.
A. B. Baxter.
J. H. Palmeter.
G. B. Vaughan.

## PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

I. P. FREEMAN ..... *Worshipful Maste*
J. M. FREEMAN ..... *Senior Warden.*
D. T. MOODY ..... *Junior Warden.*
R FREEMAN ..... *Treasurer.*
WM. FORD ..... *Secretary.*
W. FORD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
N. C. FREEMAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. PARSONS ..... *Inner Guard.*
E. M. FREEMAN ..... *Senior Steward.*
N. R. FREEMAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
R. KEMPTON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

N. R. Freeman.
H. B. Hallett.
E. M. Freeman.
Ira P. Freeman.
Z. Freeman.
G. A. Cleaveland.

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## ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also, No. 6, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. BOWER ..... *Worshipful Master*
W. McKAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
E. A. BOWER ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McGILL ..... *Treasurer.*
J. ROBBINS ..... *Secretary.*
W. FIRTH ..... *Senior Deacon.*
G. K. HINES ..... *Junior Deacon.*
R. HINES ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. THOMSON ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. FIRTH ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. BASTY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

N. W. White.
J. A. Purney.

## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also No. 17 R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

G. S. TAYLOR.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. L. BROWN .....*Senior Warden.*
G. M. DANE .....*Junior Warden.*
R. SHREVE .....*Treasurer.*
T. B. FLINT .....*Secretary.*
H. A. HULSMAN.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. H. LEONARD .....*Junior Deacon.*
C. G. GODFREY .....*Inner Guard.*
C. PATTERSON .....*Senior Steward.*
E. ALLEN .....*Junior Steward.*
H. PHIPPS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Johnson.
F. A. Baily.
S. H. Pelton, P. G. W.
T. R. Jolly.
T. B. Flint.
A. J. Cann.

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## ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.

WINE HARBOUR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also, No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. MAY .....*Worshipful Master.*
J. CROOKS.....*Senior Warden.*
W. McCONNELL.....*Junior Warden.*
D. A. McKAY .....*Treasurer.*
H. McCUTCHEON .....*Secretary.*
J. BALLANTYNE .....*Senior Deacon.*
C. CONERY .....*Junior Deacon.*
R. ROOD .....*Inner Guard.*
J. McCONNELL .....*Senior Steward.*
J. SMITH.....*Junior Steward.*
J. ROOD.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. Clerke.
R. Rood.
J. C. Sims.
A. C. Stewart.
J. Ballantyne.

## ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. ROBINSON ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. S. RUGGLES ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. SHEARER ..... *Junior Warden.*
W. J. SHANNON..... *Treasurer.*
A. FULLERTON ..... *Secretary.*
G. B. HARRIS ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. McCONNELL ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J McDONALD..... *Inner Guard.*
A. HARRIS ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. P. LYNCH..... *Junior Steward.*
I. D. HARRIS ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. Whitman, (Hon. Member.)
A. Robinson.
S. D. Tobias.
R. L. Hardwick.
R. Harris.
A. B. Cunningham.
S. Hall.

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## QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also, No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

R. McLEOD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. W. McDANIEL ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. H. McDONALD ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. FISHER ..... *Treasurer.*
W. D. R. CAMERON ..... *Secretary.*
J. CAMERON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. C. ARCHIBALD..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. H. McDANIEL..... *Marshal.*
H. C. McLANE..... *Senior Steward.*
G. PURDY..... *Junior Steward.*
A. D. McKENZIE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. McDaniel.
A. K. White.
J. A. Stewart.
A. Fisher.
J. A. Fisher.
J. Belbin.
J. Cameron.
W. D. R. Cameron.
J. H. McDonald.
J. D. McDonald.
J. C. Archibald.

## ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. --, R. S. [Established January, 1865. ] Also, No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. McDONALD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. L. BETHUNE ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. S. McDONALD ..... *Junior Warden.*
R. ELMSLEY ..... *Treasurer.*
J. A. McDONALD ..... *Secretary.*
J. ANDERSON..... *Senior Deacon.*
L. McLEOD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
P. McRAE ..... *Inner Guard.*
D. McRAE..... *Senior Steward.*
D. F. McRAE ..... *Junior Steward.*
H. McAULAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

C. N. Campbell.
W. Kidston.
D. Dunlap.
H. A. Foyle.
J. L. Rice.
D. F. McRae.
S. G. A. McKeen.
L. G. Campbell.

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## THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. BAIRD..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. McAULAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. McAULAY..... *Junior Warden.*
W. CLARK..... *Treasurer.*
S. A. SPENCER ..... *Secretary.*
R. D. ANDERSON..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. BOLIN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
M. McKINNON..... *Marshal.*
A. FERGUSON ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. McDONALD ..... *Junior Steward.*
N. L. QUISTT..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. Campbell.
D. McKenzie.
A. L. Anderson.
S. A. Spencer.
W. Clark.

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## COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

TRURO.

Chartered surrendered March 31, 1881.

## THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. LONGLEY.....*Worshipful Master*
J. E. HAMILTON .....*Senior Warden.*
T. P. HEALY .....*Junior Warden.*
H. A. TAYLOR .....*Treasurer.*
R. B. WILCH .....*Secretary.*
W. BANNISTER.....*Senior Deacon.*
G. H. JOST.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. H. JOHNSON .....*Inner Guard.*
J. W. CALDWELL.....*Senior Steward.*
J. R. MACDONALD .....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.
T. A. Cossman, D. G. M.
E. W. Howell.
W. F. Chase.
J. W. Howell.
L. F. Darling, J. G. W.
H. N. Wright.
J. R. Foster.
K. J. Dolphin.
M. T. Foster.
W. V. Murray, G. Sw. B.

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## ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also, No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. H. WADE.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. H. JOHNSTONE .....*Senior Warden.*
A. OAKES.....*Junior Warden.*
R. DAWSON.....*Treasurer.*
R. A. LOGAN .....*Secretary.*
W. A. WENTZELL .....*Senior Deacon.*
J. T. POWERS .....*Junior Deacon.*
J. H. CURLL .....*Inner Guard.*
W. S. TUPPER .....*Senior Steward.*
A. M. WEST.....*Junior Steward.*
J. McMILLAN .....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Owen.
J. W. Andrews.
P. G· Fraser.
J. S. Calder.
J. A. Curll.
W. R. Wentzell

## OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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## ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E. Established October, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

R. C. STARRATT ..... *Worshipful Master.*
L. G. DeBLOIS ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. M. FORSYTH..... *Junior Warden.*
E. BENT..... *Treasurer.*
B. STARRATT ..... *Secretary.*
A. MORSE..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. W. CHESLEY ..... *Junior Deacon.*
S. K. MORSE ..... *Inner Guard.*
R. BATH ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. MURDOCH ..... *Junior Steward.*
D. PALFREY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Rev. H. D. DeBlois, G. C.
J. L. Cox.
W. E. Starratt, G. Dir. of C.
S. K. Morse.
J. Foster.
B. Starratt.

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## EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

SHEET HARBOUR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. ROUTLEDGE..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. HALL..... *Senior Warden.*
W. HALL..... *Junior Warden.*
H. DUNN..... *Treasurer.*
T. A. BAKER ..... *Secretary.*
W. LOWE ..... *Senior Deacon.*
G. DUNN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
——————— ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. CRUICKSHANK..... *Senior Steward.*
W. TUPPER..... *Junior Steward.*
J. W. HALL ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. W. Archibald.
T. A. Baker.
A. Cruickshanks.

## TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15, Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. E. LOGAN ..... *Worshipful Master*
E. B. LAIRD ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. McKENZIE ..... *Junior Warden.*
G. B. LANGTON ..... *Treasurer.*
S. B. KENT ..... *Secretary.*
C. M. DAWSON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. H. CURRIE ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. W. MILLER ..... *Inner Guard.*
H. T. LAWRENCE ..... *Senior Steward.*
D. A. FRASER ..... *Junior Steward.*
F. C. WHITE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. McCallum.
A. C. Page, P. D. G. M.
L. J. Crowe.
G. Campbell.
W. M. Blair.
G. P. Nelson.
H. T. Lawrence.
L. B. Archibald.
W. E. Logan.
D. A. Fraser.

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## POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

HANTSPORT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

E. WHITMAN ..... *Worshipful Master*
D. NORTH. ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. W. LAWRENCE ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. SUTHERLAND ..... *Treasurer.*
W. A. PORTER ..... *Secretary.*
C. J. MARGESON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. E. BLIGH ..... *Junior Deacon.*
L. GREEN ..... *Inner Guard.*
N. LAYTON ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. ANDREWS ..... *Junior Steward*
A. NEWCOMB ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Porter.
J. W. Lawrence.
W. E. Bligh.
C. J. Margeson.
E. Shaw.
W. Sutherland.

## TYRIAN YOUTH, No. 45.

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

W. CAMPBELL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
D. H. McKENZIE ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. J. HILLIER ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. McPHERSON ..... *Treasurer.*
D. McAULAY ..... *Secretary.*
D. McVICAR ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. McPHAIL ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. McLELLAN ..... *Marshal.*
R. McNEIL ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. McKINNON ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. C. MITCHELL ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. G. McKay, M. D.
W. A. McKeen.
A. McPherson.
J. H. D. Gray.
W. McKay, M. D.
D. McVicar.
W. McLay.
J. C. Mitchell.

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## SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

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## PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

NO RETURNS.

## WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. W. COLBURN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
H. N. FILLMORE ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. McKAY ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. W. SNOW..... ..... *Treasurer.*
R. L. BLACK..... *Secretary.*
T. W. PATTEN..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. C. PHILLIPS ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. POWERS ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. R. HYATT..... *Senior Steward.*
J. W. JOHNSON ..... ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. MORRISON..... .... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Powers.
R. L. Black.
J. C. Phillips.
I. W. Snow.
F. W. Patten.

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## ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.

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## WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered Decr. 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. W. McLEOD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. J. McLELLAN ..... *Senior Warden.*
R. FRASER..... *Junior Warden.*
M. CONNORS ..... *Treasurer.*
J. REID ..... *Secretary.*
W. C. McDONALD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
H. MATHESON..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. WHITE..... *Inner Guard.*
D. B. GRAHAM .. ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. L. SULLIVAN..... ... *Junior Steward.*
J. ROY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. E. Jones, M. D.
J. Roy.
T. Johnston.
Alex. Lorimer.
J. McNulty.
R. Gray.
W. Gray.
J. McDougald.
D. Carruthers.
J. Wilkes
J. Roy.
G. Saunders.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered Dec. 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. McKAY.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. SIMMONDS.....*Senior Warden.*
J. WHITE.....*Junior Warden.*
J. B. COLEMAN.....*Treasurer.*
C. H. GLADWIN.....*Secretary.*
W. PEARCE.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. ROSS.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. R. GLENDINNING.....*Inner Guard.*
R. N. LEHAN.....*Senior Steward.*
A. MARKS.....*Junior Steward.*
J. R. PATTERSON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. B. Coleman.
J. B. Glendinning.
J. Graham.
W. Pearce.
J. A. Bayers.
C. H. Gladwin.
G. A. Green.
J. Halliday.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

H. J. CHUTE.....*Worshipful Master.*
A. EWING.....*Senior Warden.*
W. K. BENNETT.....*Junior Warden.*
T. R. HARRIS.....*Treasurer.*
N. MARGESON.....*Secretary.*
D. BARTAUX.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. E. SAUNDERS.....*Junior Deacon.*
G. McGREGOR.....*Marshal.*
D. DAVIDSON.....*Senior Steward.*
A. LEE.....*Junior Steward.*
G. W. EATON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. Bartaux.
D. Davidson.
Rev. R. Avery, P.D.G.M., G.C.
T. R. Harris, S.G.W.
H. E. Jefferson.
W. R. L. Foster.
A. C. VanBuskirk.
R. C. McGregor.

## HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

N. CAMERON ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. WILLIAMS ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. ROSS ..... *Junior Warden.*
M. SINCLAIR ..... *Treasurer.*
A. SINCLAIR ..... *Secretary.*
J. BRIGHT ..... *Senior Deacon.*
N. McGACHEN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
N. McLEAN ..... *Inner Guard.*
D. CAMERON ..... *Senior Steward.*
S. HAWBOLT ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. L. McLEAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

N. McEachern.
J. W. Bright.
J. Williams.
A. Williams.
M. Sinclair.

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## KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. F. SAUNDERS ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. M. KEEN ..... *Senior Warden.*
R. G. MONROE ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. CASSWELL ..... *Treasurer.*
R. C. CANN ..... *Secretary.*
D. J. LONGSTAFF ..... *Senior Deacon.*
E. EVERETT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
A. J. McCALLUM ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. DALEY ..... *Senior Steward.*
G. P. BURTON ..... *Junior Steward.*
E. C. DODGE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. B. Stewart.
J Daley, G. St.
G. P. Burton.
A. J. McCallum.
T. C. Shreve.
G. A. Viets.
M. L. Oliver.

## MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. BELLONI.....*Worshipful Master*
M. McAULAY.....*Senior Warden.*
E. T. McKEEN.....*Junior Warden.*
D. McAULAY.....*Treasurer.*
J. W. FITZPATRICK.....*Secretary.*
S. LAUNDRY.....*Senior Deacon.*
H. CAMPBELL.....*Junior Deacon.*
C. E. REES.....*Inner Guard.*
F. R. ANTHONY.....*Senior Steward.*
C. CARMICHAEL.....*Junior Steward.*
J. McPHAIL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

L. Johnstone, M. D.
C. Archibald.
A. Belloni.
J. W. Fitzpatrick.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE CO.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

G. H. BRUNT.....*Worshipful Master.*
L. PERRY.....*Senior Warden.*
H. C. KELLY.....*Junior Warden.*
N. SWAINE, (Senr.).....*Treasurer.*
E. GREENWOOD.....*Secretary.*
H. SWAINE.....*Senior Deacon.*
R. McLANE.....*Junior Deacon.*
T. B. PERRY.....*Inner Guard.*
A. M. PERRY.....*Senior Steward.*
J. K. SWAINE.....*Junior Steward.*
A McLANE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Rufus McKenny.
E. W. Perry.
N. Swaine.
S. H. Greenwood.

## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. FRASER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. H. WYLDE..... *Senior Warden.*
C. A. CRITTENDEN ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. PEEPLES ..... *Treasurer.*
A. H. McDONALD ..... *Secretary.*
M. McLEAN ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. McKAY..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. S. WYLDE ..... *Inner Guard.*
W. J. RANDALL..... *Senior Steward.*
F. G McLEAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. McKAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. Murray.
W. S. Wylde.
F. G. McLean.
W. H. Wylde.

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## KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2nd, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. H. CHIPMAN..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. M. CARRUTHERS ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. E. MULLONEY ..... *Junior Warden.*
H. W. LYDIARD..... *Treasurer.*
H. A. PRATT ..... *Secretary.*
C. F. COCHRAN ..... *Senior Deacon.*
S. KILLAM ..... *Junior Deacon.*
L. DeV. CHIPMAN..... *Inner Guard.*
D. WALLACE ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. L. BISHOP ..... *Junior Steward.*
P. SMITH ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. R. Sangster.
H. Shaw, P. G. W.
J. P. Chipman.
L. DeV. Chipman.
W. Grierson.
C. F. Cochran.
R. S. Masters.

## MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2nd, 1870.

Consolidated with Albion, No. 5, Aug. 27th, 1881.

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## LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG CO.

Charter surrendered June, 1874.

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## CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

CHESTER, LUNENBURG CO.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. SMITH ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. LAVERS ..... *Senior Warden.*
C. BOND ..... *Junior Warden.*
C. LOVETT ..... *Treasurer.*
D. EVANS ..... *Secretary.*
H. STANFORD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
H. COLE ..... *Junior Deacon.*
H. WINDROW ..... *Marshal.*
A. FADER ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. CHURCH ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. EVANS ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. D. Clarke, P.G.W. W. J. Lavers.
A. Hiltz.

## TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5th, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. JOHNSTON ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. G. LOCKE ..... *Senior Warden.*
D. PETERSON..... *Junior Warden.*
L. JOHNSON..... *Treasurer.*
J. E. RICHARDSON ..... *Secretary.*
C. RINGER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
D. CRONAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
———— ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. DAY ..... *Senior Steward.*
H. STEPHENS ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. JONES ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

M. Brown. W. Johnston.
L. McDonald.

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## CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. F. LAYTON ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. A. HILL ..... *Senior Warden.*
T. T. SMITH..... *Junior Warden.*
A. FOUNTAIN..... *Treasurer.*
REV. T. B. LAYTON..... *Secretary.*
G. LEWIS ..... *Senior Deacon.*
G. LEAVITT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. M. SPENCER ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. MOFFATT SPENCER ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. NELSON ..... *Junior Steward.*
M. COOK ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. L. Peppard, M. D. G. Leavitt.
S. Lyndsay. A. Flemming.

## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

ARICHAT, CAPE BRETON.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5th, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. R. CUTLER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. J. ANDREW ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. R. THOMSON ..... *Junior Warden.*
E. E. BINET ..... *Treasurer.*
P. GRUCHY ..... *Secretary.*
P. CAMPBELL ..... *Senior Deacon.*
F. McPHERSON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
M. J. MURPHY ..... *Marshal.*
P. BOSDET ..... *Senior Steward.*
N. McLEOD ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. McDONALD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. R. Cutler.
J. G. Clough.
P. Campbell.
G. J. Andrews.
J. R. Thomson.

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## FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Charter forfeited by resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1879.

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## SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

L. J. HART ..... *Worshipful Master.*
N. McAULAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. D. SMITH ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McINTOSH, M. D. ..... *Treasurer.*
J. McPHAIL ..... *Secretary.*
J. N. McDONALD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. A. MUNRO ..... *Junior Deacon.*
H. McDONALD ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. McQUIEN ..... *Senior Steward.*
D. McKINNON ..... *Junior Steward.*
T. AUSTIN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

P. A. McLean.

## MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND Co.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. BALCAM ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. F. JONES ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. H. TOWNSHEND ..... *Junior Warden.*
W. J. GIBSON ..... *Treasurer.*
D. A. SMITH ..... *Secretary.*
REV. G. D. HARRIS ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. LIVINGSTON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. S. THEAL ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. LAYTON ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. COLE ..... *Junior Steward*
R. TUCKER ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

A. S. Townshend, M. D.
Rev. C. Bowman, D. D., G. C.
W. J. Gibson.
W. D. McKenzie.

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## CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

HOPEWELL, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. McN. GRANT ..... *Worshipful Master.*
D. FRASER ..... *Senior Warden.*
D. FRASER ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. ORMISTON ..... *Treasurer.*
H. GRAY ..... *Secretary.*
T. McKAY ..... *Senior Deacon.*
D. McLEOD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
DANIEL McLEOD ..... *Marshal.*
T. McDONALD ..... *Senior Steward.*
H. McLEAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
T. MUNRO ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. F. McDonald, M. D., P. G.W.
D. Fraser.
W. Fraser.
T. McDonald.
J. R. McDonald.
A. Ormiston.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 69.

MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG CO.

Dispensation granted December 22, 1874. Chartered June, 1876.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. MILLS.....*Worshipful Master*
C. H. ERNST.....*Senior Warden.*
J. M. RUHLAND.....*Junior Warden.*
C. GREY.....*Treasurer.*
J. HAM.....*Secretary.*
Z. M. HYSON.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. HILTZ.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. HOLMAN.....*Inner Guard.*
S. BURGOYNE.....*Senior Steward.*
J. W. WEST.....*Junior Steward.*
J. ANDREWS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

S. Burgoyne.
J. W. West.
C. Grey, M. D.
Rev. C. E. Churchward, G. C.

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## LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.

SPRING HILL, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. B. HEWSON.....*Worshipful Master*
J. W. SEETON.....*Senior Warden.*
J. J. FRASER.....*Junior Warden.*
J. W. COVE.....*Treasurer.*
R. H. COOPER.....*Secretary.*
S. FRASER.....*Senior Deacon.*
A. J. MUNRO.....*Junior Deacon.*
H. RILEY.....*Inner Guard.*
J. COOPER.....*Senior Steward.*
H. SWIFT.....*Junior Steward*
W. T. RYAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Cove, M. D.
H. Swift.
S. D. Fraser.
A. J. Munroe.
J. Cooper.

## GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.

NEW CALEDONIA, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

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## EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.

GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875. Chartered June 7th, 1876.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

OFFICERS :

J. S. HUTCHESON.....*Worshipful Master.*
M. C. SCOTT .....*Senior Warden.*
L. E. HART .....*Junior Warden.*
G. W. SCOTT .....*Treasurer.*
R. A. TREMAIN .....*Secretary.*
G. F. SCOTT.....*Senior Deacon.*
R. H. MORRISON .....*Junior Deacon.*
S. H. FINN.....*Inner Guard.*
J. J. ATWATER .....*Senior Steward.*
J. J. SANGSTER.....*Junior Steward.*
J. HALL .....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

R. A. Tremain.
G. W. Scott.
W. S. Peart.
A. Walsh.
A J. O. Maguire.

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## IONIC LODGE, No. 73.

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. R. ILLSLEY .....*Worshipful Master.*
W. ROACH .....*Senior Warden.*
N. G. CHARLTON .....*Junior Warden.*
N. G. PHINNEY .....*Treasurer.*
J. W. TOMLINSON.....*Secretary.*
D. FEINDELL .....*Senior Deacon.*
W. W. DODGE.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. L. WHITMAN .....*Inner Guard.*
W. FITZ RANDOLPH .....*Senior Steward.*
A. P. DODGE .....*Junior Steward.*
D. WHITMAN .....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

F. Leavitt.
W. Roach.

## NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.

### ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. B. COOK.....*Worshipful Master.*
T. STEPHENS .....*Senior Warden.*
A. McCHARLES .....*Junior Warden.*
D. FERGUSON.....*Treasurer.*
T. E. ATKINS .....*Secretary.*
J. W. WILLIAMS .....*Senior Deacon.*
J. W. McDONALD .....*Junior Deacon.*
J. B. STEPHENS.....*Marshal.*
W. SMITH.....*Senior Steward.*
J. D. REDMOND .....*Junior Steward.*
J. WARRICK .....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

I. D. Cooke. R. Forman.
J. Kerr, M. D. J. Bryant.
A. Dewar.

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## WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.

### OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted Oct. 19, 1877. Chartered June 6, 1878.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. ROBB .....*Worshipful Master.*
A. B. COLBURN .....*Senior Warden.*
J. C. McDOUGALL.....*Junior Warden.*
W. OXLEY .....*Treasurer.*
I. J. HINGLEY .....*Secretary.*
W. DUNSMORE .....*Senior Deacon.*
C. C. SHURMAN .....*Junior Deacon.*
W. GREY .....*Inner Guard.*
A. S. McINTOSH.....*Senior Steward.*
A. B. THOMPSON .....*Junior Steward.*
H. S. SMITH .....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

I. J. Hingley. W. Oxley.
H. S. Smith.

## WALLACE LODGE, No. 76.

WALLACE, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation Oct. 24, 1879. Chartered June 2, 1880.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS.

OFFICERS :

J. D. MUNRO ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. BATTYE ..... *Senior Warden.*
Z. A. McKAY ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. L. McKIM ..... *Treasurer.*
J. T. CHAMBERS ..... *Secretary.*
J. A. SEAMAN..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. H. STEVENS ..... *Junior Deacon.*
F. BATTYE ..... *Marshal.*
J. A. STEELE ..... *Senior Steward.*
B. McLELLAN ..... *Junior Stewrd.*
D. WOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

J. L. McKim.

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## HUDSON LODGE, U. D.

VALE COLLIERY, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation May 15, 1881.

OFFICERS :

JOHN GREENER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
AARON SLEIGH ..... *Senior Warden.*
ROBERT McDONALD ..... *Junior Warden.*

# MASONIC DISTRICTS.

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*R. W.* W. WILLIAMS, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's | 1 | Halifax. |
| St. John's | 2 | " |
| Virgin | 3 | " |
| Royal Sussex | 6 | " |
| Burns | 10 | " |
| Acadia | 14 | " |
| Athole | 15 | " |
| Keith | 17 | " |
| Union | 18 | " |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 38 | " |
| Eastern Star | 51 | Dartmouth. |
| Eureka | 42 | Sheet Harbor |

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*R. W.* J. R. WYMAN, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Westport | 25 | Brier Island. |
| Hiram | 12 | Yarmouth. |
| Scotia | 31 | " |
| Albert | 30 | Shelburne. |
| Concord | 24 | Cape Island. |
| Philadelphia | 47 | Barrington. |
| Harmony | 56 | North East Harbor. |
| Taylor | 62 | Lockeport. |
| Zetland | 9 | Liverpool. |
| Prince of Wales | 29 | Milton. |
| Unity | 4 | Lunenburg. |
| Acacia | 39 | Bridgewater. |
| Clarke | 61 | Chester. |
| Charity | 69 | Mahone Bay. |

## THIRD DISTRICT.

*R. W.* AUBREY BLANCHARD, Windsor, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Keith | 16 | Hillsburg. |
| King Solomon | 54 | Digby. |
| Annapolis | 33 | Annapolis. |
| Rothsay | 41 | Bridgetown. |
| Harmony | 52 | Aylesford. |
| Kentville | 58 | Kentville. |
| Scotia | 28 | Canning. |
| St. George's | 20 | Wolfville. |
| Poyntz | 44 | Hantsport. |
| Welsford | 26 | Windsor. |
| Granville | 71 | New Caledonia. |
| Ionic | 73 | Lawrencetown. |

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*R. W.* JOHN McGILLIVRAY, New Glasgow, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Acacia | 8 | Amherst. |
| Acadia | 13 | Pugwash. |
| Widow's Son | 48 | River Philip. |
| Truro | 43 | Truro. |
| Corinthian | 63 | Great Village. |
| New Caledonia | 11 | Pictou. |
| Albion | 5 | New Glasgow. |
| Keith | 23 | Albion Mines. |
| Western Star | 50 | Westville. |
| El Dorado | 32 | Wine Harbor. |
| Queen's | 34 | Sherbrooke. |
| Hiram | 53 | Goldenville. |
| Minas | 67 | Parrsborough. |
| Curren | 68 | Hopewell. |
| Laurie | 70 | Springhill. |
| North Star | 74 | Acadia Iron Mines. |
| Wimburn | 75 | Oxford. |
| Wallace | 76 | Wallace. |
| Hudson | U. D. | Vale Colliery. |

## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*R. W.* COLONEL C. CREWE-READ, Sydney, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Temple | 57 | Port Mulgrave. |
| St. Mark's | 35 | Baddeck. |
| St. Andrew's | 7 | Sydney. |
| Royal Albert | 19 | " |
| Thistle | 36 | Cow Bay. |
| Tyrian Youth | 45 | Little Glace Bay. |
| Morien | 55 | Cow Bay. |
| Solomon | 46 | Port Hawkesbury. |
| Richmond | 64 | Arichat. |
| Sircom | 66 | Whycocomagh. |
| Eastern Light | 72 | Guysborough. |

## SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

C. Lordly ..... Oct. 7, 1880..... Clarke Lodge, No. 61.

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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.—May 3, 1881 ..... J. Montgomery.
Acacia, No. 8.—Sept. 2nd, 1880 ..... J. King.
" " " ..... J. Cove.
" " " ..... C. J. Morse.
" " " ..... S. E. Freeman.
" " " ..... A. Lake.
" " " ..... F. Seaman.
" " " ..... J. Priest.
" " " ..... T. J. Copp.
Burns, No. 10.—Jan. 7, 1881 ..... W. Appleton.
Hiram, No. 12.—March 7, 1881 ..... J. McKenzie.
" " " ..... J. W. Crowell.
" " " ..... R. S. Hood.
" " " ..... F. S. Horton.
" " " ..... J. A. Murray.
Acadia, No. 14.—March 14, 1881 ..... D. Black.
" " " ..... G. Nichols.
Athole, No. 15.—February 23, 1881 ..... R. C. Fraser.
" " " ..... A. Matheson.
" " " ..... S. Graham.
" " " ..... J. A. Wilson.
" " " ..... E. P. Binnett.
" " " ..... J. A. Sutherland.
" " " ..... A. McKinnon.
Keith, No. 16.—March 7, 1881 ..... G. F. Miller.
Keith, No. 17.—March 10, 1881 ..... L. J. Farrer.
" " " ..... J. W. Leard.
Union, No. 18.—February 21, 1881 ..... J. H. Davies.
St. George's, No. 20.—February, 1881 ..... J. T. Manning.
" " " ..... S. Cochrane.
" " " ..... G. Bishop.
" " " ..... L. M. Weeks.
" " " ..... W. J. Fuller.
" " " ..... J. F. Pratt.
" " " ..... C. Chisholm.

Scotia, No. 28.—May 13, 1881 ..... G. R. Green.
" " " ..... G. E. Eaton.
" " " ..... S. H. Newcombe.
Prince of Wales, No. 29.—May 10, 1881 ..... S. W. Burns.
Albert, No. 30.—May 12, 1880 ..... C. Swanburg.
" " " ..... J. Boyer.
" " " ..... T. E. Colepuy.
" " " ..... C. Kerr.
" " " ..... R. P. ———
" " " ..... G. A. Crowell.
" " " ..... J. E. Dodd.
" " " ..... L. E. Demoliter.
" " " ..... C. Lock.
" " " ..... G. McKay.
" " " ..... J. Bringst.
Eldorado, No. 32.—April 7, 1881 ..... A. E. Cameron.
" " " ..... G. A. Irwin.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33.—May 4, 1881 ..... J. Tobias.
" " " ..... J. W. J. Potter.
" " " ..... D. Jones.
Queen's, No. 34.—May 17, 1881 ..... L. E. McIntosh.
" " " ..... J. McIntosh.
" " " ..... J. Davis.
" " " ..... J. L. Smith.
" " " ..... W. Robertson.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.—March 11, 1881 ..... E. H. Oland.
Truro, No. 43.—February 1, 1881 ..... Ed. S Blanchard.
" " " ..... K. Fraser.
" " March 1, 1881 ..... J. S. Archibald.
Poyntz, No. 44.—June 7, 1881 ..... G. Davison.
" " " ..... H. Shaw.
Widows' Son, No. 48 ..... H A. Johnson.
Eastern Star, No. 51.—June 8, 1880 ..... R. Edgecombe.
" " " ..... H. Keeler.
" " " ..... E. Young.
" " " ..... H. Gladwin.
Hiram, No. 53.—December, 1880 ..... T. Robinson.
" " March, 1881 ..... R. McNaughton.
" " " ..... A. F. Falconer.
" " " ..... A. Fraser.
Harmony, No. 56.—March, 1881 ..... J. Suds.
" " " ..... B. McKiny.
Kentville, No. 58.—October 11, 1880 ..... J. N. Fitch.
" " " ..... W. H. Crandall.
" " " ..... E. T. Moore.
" " " ..... P. G. Lawrence.

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| Manitoba, No. 59.—April 20, 1881 | Jas. McDonald. |
| " " " | D. McDougald. |
| " " " | H. J. Archibald. |
| " " " | J. W. Macdonald. |
| " " " | Alex. Fraser. |
| " " " | T. Frame. |
| " " " | A. P. Sinclair. |
| " " " | H. H. Henderson. |
| " " " | J. B. Mackay. |
| " " " | M. Spoors. |
| " " " | J. McKerrow. |
| " " " | D. Cameron. |
| " " " | A. W. Smith. |
| " " " | H. Harding. |
| Taylor, No. 62.—April 26, 1881 | J. McKenzie. |
| " " " | J. L. Chipman. |
| " " " | G. K. Titus. |
| " " " | J. Haddy. |
| " " " | J. M. Harding. |
| " " " | J. W. Taylor. |
| Sircom, No. 66.—March 3, 1881 | D. McKinnon. |
| " " " | E. C. Cobb. |
| Minas, No. 67.—April 18, 1881 | A. F. Hatfield. |
| " " " | Wm. Graham. |
| " " " | J. E. Dean. |
| " " " | J. Fullmore. |
| " " " | J. R. Thompson. |
| " " " | D. H. Palmeter. |
| North Star, No. 74.—May 5, 1881 | M. J. Rockett. |
| " " " | J. B. Giles. |
| " " " | H. Farrell. |
| " " " | R. Matheson. |
| " " " | J. S. Gilbert. |
| Wimburn, No. 75.—May 27, 1881 | H. R. Carter. |
| " " " | J. W. King. |
| " " " | J. Harkness. |
| " " " | W. Dixon. |

## REINSTATED

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Albion, No. 5.—Aug. 18, 1881 .....J. McDonald.
" " March 23, 1881.....D. Polson.
Zetland, No. 9.—Aug. 26, 1880.....D. Buchanan.
" " May 27, 1880 .....J. A. Parker.
" " May 24, 1880 .....S. Mailman.
New Caledonia, No. 11.—May 24, 1881 .....J. Kitchen.
Hiram, No. 12.—January 3, 1881..... ....R. Spears.
Athole, No. 15.—Feb. 23, 1881.....Wm. Brush.
Keith, No. 16.- March 7, 1881..... .H. Hayse.
Welsford, No. 26.—Dec. 27, 1880.....B. Berford.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33 .....P. Robinson.
Queen's, No. 24.—Nov., 1880.....J. A. Kirk.
" " May 3, 1881 .....Wm. Clark.
" " March, 1881 ..... ...J. U. Smith.
Thistle, No. 36.—May 7, 1881.....W. H. McDonald.
" " " .....A. Martin.
Rothsay, No. 41.—June 4, 1880 .....R. H. Chipman.
Eureka, No. 42.—June 2, 1880 .... ..... .....T. Reynolds.
Western Star, No. 50.—Nov. 23, 1880.....C. H. Munro.
" " Mar. 22, 1881 .....Thos. Dobson.
King Solomon, No. 54.—March, 1881.....J. H. Timpany.
Manitoba, No. 59.—April, 1881.....D. W. McKay.
" " " .....M. McMillan.
Minas, No. 67.—June, 1880 ..... .....W. F. Harrison.

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## MISSING.

ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

Royal Sussex, No. 6 .....D. Bell.
Burns, No. 10 .....S. D. Kelly.
" " .....R. Lewis.
New Caledonia, Nov. 11.....E. K. Kerston.
" " ..... .....D. Sutherland.
" " .....J. H. Matheson.
Hiram, No. 12 ..... .....M. Goodwin.
Acadia, No. 14 ..... ..... .....T. Nicholson.
" " ..... .....H. Johnson.
Union, No. 18 ..... .....C. R. M. Tasco.

Royal Albert, No. 19 ..... W. Burchell, jr.
" " ..... E. Bounell.
" " ..... J. Bonnar.
" " ..... D. Cameron.
Scotia, No. 28 ..... F. LeCain.
" " ..... E. Gould.
Queens, No. 34 ..... J. Belbin.
" " ..... J. Hewitt.
" " ..... A. N. McKintosh.
" " ..... J. J. Cruickshanks.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 28 ..... A. MacDonald.
" " ..... A. Brown.
Truro, No. 43 ..... J. W. Cameron.
Poyntz, No. 44 ..... Wm. Frantham.
Western Star, No. 50 ..... A. McIsaac.
" " ..... D. Crawford.
Eastern Star, No. 51 ..... B. Hatfield.
" " " " ..... J. Anderson.
Hiram, No. 53 ..... J. N. Maclean.
" " " ..... Jas. Walker.
" " " ..... D. Whidden
" " " ..... A. D. Maclean.
" " " ..... L. Maclean.
" " " ..... Neal ———
Harmony, No. 56 ..... J. Myers.
Richmond, " 64 ..... M. Morrison.
Sircom, No. 66 ..... J. McDonald.
Eastern Light, No. 72 ..... J. A. Knodell.

# AT REST.

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| Allen H. Crowe | St. Andrew's, No. 1 | Died Nov. 10, 1880. |
| William McDonald | " " | Died Mar. 11, 1881. |
| James Esson | Virgin, No. 3 | Died Dec. 27, 1880. |
| James W. Copeland | Albion, No. 5 | Died May, 1880. |
| J. R. P. Fraser | " " | Died Dec., 1880. |
| James Bonyman | Royal Sussex, No. 6 | Died Dec., 1880. |
| B. C. Outerbridge | " " | Died |
| Robert J. Ingraham | St. Andrew's, No. 7 | Died Nov. 18, 1880. |
| J. Allan Chipman | Acacia, No. 8 | Died July 23, 1880. |
| Alexander Robertson | Zetland, No. 9 | Died May 15, 1881. |
| Rev. James Meadows | Burns, No. 10 | Died May, 1880. |
| William C. Mosher | " " | Died Nov., 1880. |
| Thomas Britton | New Caledonia, No. 11 | Died Aug., 1880. |
| W. W. Glennie | " " | Died Oct., 1880. |
| James Johnstone | " " | Died —— 1880. |
| Andrew H. Harris | Keith, No. 16 | Died Aug. 27, 1880. |
| Thomas Breckenridge | Union, No. 18 | Died Sep. 4, 1880. |
| John Forbes | Royal Albert, No. 19 | Died Oct. 23, 1880. |
| James W. Fraser | Keith, No 23 | Died Oct. 12, 1880 |
| James D. Conway | " " | Died Oct. 12, 1880. |
| M. B. Grant | Welsford, No. 26 | Died Nov. 6, 1880. |
| Rev. H. P. Almon | " " | Died Nov. 24, 1880. |
| William Thorborne | Albert, No. 30 | Died June 26, 1881. |
| John McWhinnie | Annapolis Royal, No. 33 | Died Nov. 30, 1880. |
| Walter S. Gray | " " " | Died Jan. 8, 1881. |
| Isaac Romkey | Queen's, No. 34 | Died Nov. 4, 1880. |
| Enoch Hewitt | " " | Died Nov. 12, 1880. |
| Hezekiah Balcom | " " | Died ———— |
| Edgar Grant Smith | Lodge of St. Mark, No 38 | Died Sep. 21, 1880. |
| Allan J. McDonald | Tyrian Youth, No. 45 | Died Mar. 26, 1881. |
| R. J. Metcalf | Widow's Son, No 48 | Died ———— |
| Charles E. Donkin | " " | Died ———— |
| James A. Beaton | Western Star, No. 50 | Died July 5, 1880. |
| John McKenzie | " " | Died May 13, 1880. |
| Joseph Kinsman | Harmony, No. 52 | Died Sep 7, 1880. |
| Henry G. Gates | " " | Died Feb. 18, 1881. |
| Norman McLean | Hiram, No. 53 | Died Jan , 1881. |
| Cornelius Harkness | " " | Died Dec , 1880. |
| Peleg W. Smith | King Solomon, No. 54 | Died July 16, 1880. |
| James H. Timpany | " " | Died Mar. 26, 1881. |
| James Bond | Clarke, No, 61 | Died Aug. 28, 1880. |
| John A. Devine | Taylor, No. 62 | Died Jan. 20, 1881. |
| John McPhail | Sircom, No. 66 | Died Mar. 11, 1881. |
| Imbert Hatfield | Minas, No. 67 | Died Feb. 7, 1881. |
| Neil Grant | North Star, No. 74 | Died Mar. 8, 1881. |
| David S. Drysdale | Wallace, No. 76 | Died Dec. 29, 1880. |

# In Memory

OF

# ALLEN HILL CROWE,

PAST MASTER OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1,

AND

## M. W. GRAND MASTER

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Halifax, November 10, 1880.

"With the brethren of the Mystic Tie, in this Province especially, the name of Allen Hill Crowe will be treasured and remembered as that of an honest man, an upright mason, and one of high repute as a masonic jurist."—(*Deputy Grand Master Johnstone's Address.*)

"Our late Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother, Allen Hill Crowe, will live in the memory of the Craft, not merely from the high position he occupied in it, but from the many and eminent qualities he possessed, both as a man and as a mason."—(*Resolution of the Lodge of St. Mark.*

# In Memory

OF

## REV. HENRY PRYOR ALMON, D.C.L.

PAST MASTER OF WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

AND

**R. W. GRAND CHAPLAIN**

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Halifax, November 24, 1880.

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"For many years he was constant in his attendance upon Grand Lodge Sessions, and contributed largely by his counsel and admonitions to weld the links that bind the Craft in an united and harmonious brotherhood."—*Deputy Grand Master Johnson's Address.*"

# In Memory

OF

# JAMES WILLIAM FRASER;

PAST MASTER OF KEITH LODGE, No. 23,

AND

V. W. GRAND STEWARD

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Stellarton, October 12, 1880.

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"Of irreproachable character, upright and honourable in every relation of life, energetic and well informed as a mason, his loss is deeply deplored in the section of country in which he lived.—(*Deputy Grand Master Johnstone's Address.*)

# RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 2, 1881.

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| Chartered Lodges | 68 |
| Lodges failing to make returns at the Annual Communication | 5 |
| Whole Number Initiated | 189 |
| " " Passed | 165 |
| " " Raised | 157 |
| " " Affiliated | 57 |
| " " Dimitted | 162 |
| " " Died | 46 |
| " " Missing | 38 |
| " " Suspended for unmasonic conduct | 1 |
| " " Suspended for nonpayment of dues | 120 |
| " " Reinstated | 24 |
| " " Rejected | 27 |
| " " Master Masons | about 2900 |

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## Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.

*Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's (Halifax),
St. John's,
Virgin,
Unity,
Albion,
Royal Sussex,
St. Andrew's (Sydney),
Zetland,
New Caledonia,
Hiram,
Acadia,
Keith, (Hillsburg).
Union,
St. George's,
Keith, (Albion Mines),
Westport,
Welsford,
Widow's Friend,
Scotia, (Canning),
Prince of Wales,
Annapolis Royal,
Thistle,
Cobequid,
Tyrian Youth,
Rothsay,

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns,
Athole,
Keith,
Scotia, (Halifax),
Davies,
Albert,
Concord,
St. Mark's,
Queen's,
The Lodge of St. Mark,
Eureka,
Acacia,
Truro,
Eldorado,
Scotia, (Yarmouth)
Royal Albert,
Solomon,
Acacia,
Poyntz,
Widow's Son,
Orient,
Western Star,
Philadelphia,
Eastern Star,
Harmony.

*Registry of Scotland.*

Athole.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Missing. | Suspended—unmasonic conduct. | Suspended—non-payment of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge Dues. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Andrew's | Halifax | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 47.25 |
| 2 | St. John's. | Halifax | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 51.00 |
| 3 | Virgin | Halifax | 9 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 50.25 |
| 4 | Unity | Lunenburg | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 29.25 |
| 5 | Albion | New Glasgow | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 70 | 52.50 |
| 6 | Royal Sussex | Halifax | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 41.25 |
| 7 | St. Andrew's | Sydney | 8 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 56 | 42 00 |
| 8 | Acacia | Amherst | 6 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 45.75 |
| 9 | Zetland | Liverpool | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 58 | 43.50 |
| 10 | Burns | Halifax | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 109 | 81.75 |
| 11 | New Caledonia | Pictou | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 124 | 93.00 |
| 12 | Hiram | Yarmouth | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 41.25 |
| 13 | Acadia | Pugwash | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15.00 |
| 14 | Acadia | Halifax | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 34.50 |
| 15 | Athole | Halifax | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 36.75 |
| 16 | Keith | Bear River | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 38.25 |
| 17 | Keith | Halifax | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 30.00 |
| 18 | Union | Halifax | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 38 | 28.50 |
| 19 | Royal Albert | Sydney | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 64 | 48.00 |
| 20 | St. Georges | Wolfville | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 20.25 |
| 23 | Keith | Albion Mines | 8 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 48.00 |
| 24 | Concord | Cape Island | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 25 | Westport | Westport | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 26 | Welsford | Windsor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 77 | 57.75 |
| 28 | Scotia | Canning | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 24.75 |
| 29 | Prince of Wales | Milton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 44.00 |
| 30 | Albert | Shelburne | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 31.50 |

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.—*Continued.*

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Miss'ng. | Susperded—unmasonic conduct. | Susperded—non-paym'nt of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge dues. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | Scotia | Yarmouth | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 37 50 |
| 32 | Eldorado | Wine Harbor | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 20.25 |
| 33 | Annapolis Royal | Annapolis | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 36.75 |
| 34 | Queen's | Sherbrooke | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 70 | 52 50 |
| 35 | St. Mark's | Baddeck, C. B. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 31.50 |
| 36 | Thistle | Cow Bay, C. B. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 24.00 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark | Halifax | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 47.25 |
| 39 | Acacia | Bridgewater | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 36.75 |
| 41 | Rothsay | Bridgetown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 35.25 |
| 42 | Eureka | Sheet Harbor | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 50.25 |
| 43 | Truro | Truro | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 36.75 |
| 44 | Poyntz | Hantsport | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 23.25 |
| 45 | Tyrian Youth | Little Glace Bay | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 19.50 |
| 46 | Solomon | Port Hawkesbury | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 47 | Philadelphia | Barrington | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 48 | Widow's Son | River Philip | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11.25 |
| 50 | Western Star | Westville | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 92 | 69.00 |
| 51 | Eastern Star | Dartmouth | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 27.00 |
| 52 | Harmony | Aylesford | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 42 00 |
| 53 | Hiram | Goldenville | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 12.00 |
| 54 | King Solomon | Digby | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 26.25 |
| 55 | Morien | Cow Bay, C. B. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 21.00 |
| 56 | Harmony | North East Harbor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 22.50 |
| 57 | Temple | Port Mulgrave | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 12.75 |
| 58 | Kentville | Kentville | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30.00 |
| 59 | Manitoba | New Glasgow | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 17.25 |
| 61 | Clarke | Chester | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 23.25 |
| 62 | Taylor | Lockeport | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 31.50 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | Corinthian | Londonderry | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 34.50 |
| 64 | Richmond | Arichat, C. B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 19.50 |
| 66 | Sircom | Whycocomagh, C. B | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 24.00 |
| 67 | Minas | Parrsborough | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 25 50 |
| 68 | Curren | Hopewell | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 30.75 |
| 69 | Charity | Mahone Bay | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 21.00 |
| 70 | Laurie | Spring Hill | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 15.00 |
| 71 | Granville | New Caledonia | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 72 | Eastern Light | Guysborough | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 25.50 |
| 73 | Ionic | Lawrencetown | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 27.00 |
| 74 | North Star | Acadia Mines, Londonderry | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 33.00 |
| 75 | Wimburn | Oxford | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 18.00 |
| 76 | Wallace | Wallace | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 19.50 |
| | | | 189 | 165 | 157 | 57 | 162 | 46 | 38 | 1 | 120 | 24 | 27 | | |

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| District of Columbia | M. W. William Smith | |
| Florida | W. Michael Bowes | Jacksonville. |
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| Illinois | W. William Floto | |
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| Montana | R. W. John S. Mendenhall | |
| Nebraska | W. C. F. Catlin | Omaha. |
| Nevada | R. W. Richard T. Mullard | |
| New Brunswick | M. W. B. Lester Peters | St. John. |
| New York | W. L. J. Belloni | New York. |
| North Carolina | W. Thomas S. Kenan | Raleigh. |
| Ohio | R. W. J. D. Caldwell | Cincinnati. |
| Prince Edward Island | R. W. B. Wilson Higgs | Charlottetown. |
| Quebec | R. W. Thomas Wood | Dunham. |
| Rhode Island | M. W. Thomas Vincent | Westerly. |
| South Carolina | W. C. D. Bryan | |
| Tennessee | R. W. George S. Blackie | Nashville. |
| Texas | R. W. Geo. H. Bringhurst | Houston. |
| Utah | W. Benjamin Bachman | Provo. |
| Virginia | R. W. W. S. Spottiswood | Petersburg. |
| Washington Territ'y | M. W. Elwood Evans | Olympia. |
| Wisconsin | W. Jeremiah Watts | Racine. |
| Wyoming | R. W. Orlando North | Evanston. |

## Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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| England | M.W. Bro. Col. J. W. Laurie | Halifax. |
| Scotland | R. W. George Fraser | Halifax. |
| Ireland | W. Bro. Lt.-Col. J. Poyntz | Windsor. |
| Alabama | | |
| Arkansas | R. W. James Gossip | Halifax. |
| Canada | R. W. A. K. Mackinlay | Halifax. |
| California | M. W. Stephen R. Sircom | |
| Colorado | R. W. Nathan Tupper, M. D. | Amherst. |
| Connecticut | R. W. A. H. Woodill, M. D. | Halifax. |
| Dakota | W. Bro. James McLearn | Halifax. |
| District of Columbia | | |
| Georgia | | |
| Idaho | R. W. Wm. A. Hesson | Halifax. |
| Illinois | R. W. T. A. Cossmann | Halifax. |
| Iowa | W. C. N. Campbell | Baddeck. |
| Kansas | W. D. G. McKay | Little Glace Bay. |
| Kentucky | R. W. Lewis Johnstone | Stellarton. |
| Louisiana | W. J. Taylor Wood | Halifax. |
| Maine | R. W. Lorenzo F. Darling | Halifax. |
| Maryland | R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore | Stellarton. |
| Manitoba | R. W. J. F. McDonald, M.D. | Hopewell. |
| Michigan | W. William M. Blair | Truro. |
| Minnesota | W. Henry S. Jost | Lunenburg. |
| Mississippi | W. George Hyde | Truro. |
| Missouri | R. W. Robert D. Clarke | Chester. |
| Montana | R.W. Aug. Robinson, M.D. | Annapolis. |
| New Brunswick | M. W. William Taylor | Halifax. |
| New Hampshire | R. W. James Hudson | Stellarton. |
| New Jersey | R. W. Benjamin Curren | Halifax. |
| New York | M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie | Halifax. |
| Oregon | | |
| Ohio | R. W. C. J. McDonald | Halifax. |
| Prince Edward Island | R. W. Henry Shaw, M.D. | Kentville. |
| Quebec | R. W. George T. Smithers | Halifax. |
| Rhode Island | R. W. Sandford H. Pelton | Yarmouth. |
| Tennessee | W. Richard L. Black | River Philip. |
| Texas | | |
| Utah | W. Frederick Leavitt | Lawrencetown. |
| Virginia | W. J. K. Munnis | Halifax. |
| Washington Ter. | W. E. W. Howell | Halifax. |
| Wyoming | W. William Proctor | Sydney, C. B. |
| Grand Orient of Brazil | M. W. Stephen R. Sircom | |
| " " Costa Rica | M. W. W. Taylor | Halifax. |

# Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND MASTERS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. |
|---|---|---|
| England | H. R. H. The Prince of Wales | Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, London |
| Scotland | Sir Mich. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart | D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh |
| Ireland | His Grace, Duke of Abercorn, K.G. | Saml. B. Oldham, D.G.S., Dublin |
| Alabama | H. C. Tompkins, Montgomery | Daniel Sayre, Montgomery |
| Arkansas | G. Thornburgh, Powhatan | L. E. Barber, Little Rock |
| British Columbia | Eli Harrison, Victoria | E. C. Baker, Victoria |
| California | C. W. Taylor, San Francisco | A. G. Abell, San Francisco |
| Canada | J. Moffatt, London | John J. Mason, Hamilton |
| Colorado | R. A. Quillian, Walsenburg | Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown |
| Connecticut | J. H. Barlow, Birmingham | Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford |
| Colon and Cuba | Antonio Govin | Aurelio Almeida, Havana. |
| Dakota | G. H Hand, Yankton | Charles T. McCoy, Bon Homme |
| Delaware | J. W. H. Watson, Newport | Wm. S. Hays, Wilmington |
| District of Columbia | J. S. McCoy, Washington | W. M. Singleton, Washington |
| Florida | W. A. McLean, Jacksonville | D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville |
| Georgia | J. M. Mobley, Hamilton | J. E. Blackshear, Macon |
| Idaho | C. Himrod, Boise City | L. F. Cartee, Boise City |
| Illinois | W. H. Scott, Salem | F. Hudson, Springfield |
| Indian Territory | P. J. Byrne, Fort Gibson | W. A. McBride, Atoka |
| Indiana | C. W. Prather, Jeffersonville | Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis |
| Iowa | G. B. VanSaun | Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City |
| Kansas | J. D. McCleverty, Fort Scott | John H. Brown, Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | J. Rice | Hiram Bassett, Millersburg |
| Louisiana | Edwin Marks, New Orleans | Jas. C. Batchelor, M.D., N. Orleans |
| Maine | W. F. King, Portland | Ira Berry, Portland |
| Manitoba | J. H. Bell, Winnipeg | J. Henderson, Winnipeg |
| Maryland | J. S. Tyson, Baltimore | Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore |
| Massachusetts | S. C. Lawrence, Boston | Tracy P Cheever, Boston |
| Michigan | J. W. McGrath, Detroit | Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | H. R. Wells, Preston | A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul |
| Mississippi | J. F. McCormick, Paulding | J. L. Power, Jackson |
| Missouri | A. M. Dockery, Gallatin | Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D., St. Louis |
| Montana | T. M. Pomeroy, Missouta | Cornelius Hedges, Helena |
| Nebraska | R. H. Oakley, Lincoln | Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha |
| Nevada | H. S. Mason | John D. Hammond, Carson |
| New Brunswick | R. Marshall, St. John | Wm. F. Bunting, St. John |
| New Hampshire | F. A. McKean, Nashua | Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord |
| New Jersey | J. W. Martin, Rahway | Joseph H. Hough, Trenton |
| New Mexico | W. L. Ryerson, Las Cruces | David J. Miller, Santa Fe |
| New York | H. S. Taylor, New York | James M. Austin, M. D., New York |
| North Carolina | W. R. Cox, Raleigh | Donald W. Bain, Raleigh |
| Nova Scotia | William Taylor, Halifax | Benjamin Curren, Halifax |
| Ohio | C. C. Kiefer | John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati |
| Oregon | G. M. D. Stroud, Portland | F. J. Babcock, Salem |
| Pennsylvania | M. Nisbet, Philadelphia | John Thomson, Philadelphia |
| Prince Edw. Island | J. Yeo, Port Hood | Geo. W. Wakeford, Charlottetown |
| Quebec | J. H. Graham, LL. D., Richmond | John H. Isaacson, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island | T. Vincent, Westerley | Edwin Baker, Providence |
| South Carolina | A. T. Smythe, Charleston | Charles Inglesby, Charleston |
| Tennessee | J. T. Irion, Nashville | John Frizzell, Nashville |
| Texas | E. G. Bower, Dallas | George H. Bringhurst, Houston |
| Utah | F. Tilford, Salt Lake City | Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City |
| Vermont | L. C. Butler, Essex | Henry Clark, Rutland |
| Virginia | P. S. Coles, Estonville, Alb. Co. | William B. Isaacs, Richmond |
| West Virginia | J. H. Riley, Ripley | Odell S. Long, Wheeling |
| Washington Terr'y | R. Guichard, Walla Walla | Thomas M. Reed, Olympia |
| Wisconsin | E. E. Chapin, Columbus | John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee |
| Wyoming | R. Wilson, Laramie City | J. H. Symons |

## GRAND SECRETARY'S ABROAD.

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| Sweden and Norway | D. E. Nordlange | Stockholm |
| G. L. of Germany | E. T. P. Meyerhoff | Berlin |
| G. L. Royal York | C. A. Bouche | Berlin |
| G. L. Zu den drei Weltkugeln | H. Von Schweinichen | Berlin |
| G. L. of Saxony | E. F. Zimmerman | Dresden |
| G. L. Zur Eintracht | H. Gessner | Darmstadt |
| G. L. Zur Sonne | Ludwig A. Redlich | Bayreuth |
| G. L. New South Wales | Nicholas Weekes | Sydney |

# APPENDIX No. 1.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at....., by the name and title of..... and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz.:

A. B.....Worshipful Master.
C. D.....Senior Warden.
E. F.....Junior Warden.
G. H.....Treasurer.
M. N.....Secretary.
O. P.....Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....Junior Deacon.
S T.....Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V .....
W. X..... } Stewards.
Y. Z.....Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures *of all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

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## No. 2.

FORM *of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge:*

We, the Master, Wardens and members of the Lodge.....No.... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother....., Master Mason of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of.....

[Seal.] A.D. 1882, A.L. 5882.

.....Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary.

## No. 3.

### PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge, No.....,R. N. S.*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of.....Lodge, No....under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of..... ....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-Laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry, as admitted among you. My age is....years; my occupation is that of.....; my residence is.....

(Signed.) .....

Recommended by .....
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

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## No. 4.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge .....No.....R. N. S.*

I, .....,being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission to this Lodge. I have been rejected in.....Lodge. I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is. .....my occupation.... .....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this..... day of.....
A. D. 188..

(Signed) .....

Witness.....

Recommended by .....
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

## No. 5.

### CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

.....Lodge No.....R.N.S.

### DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother..... ... is a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in.....Lodge, No ..... Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at .....; that having expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge in the manner prescribed by Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-laws, leave was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the.....
day of.....A. D., 188....A. L., 588..
.....Worshipful Master.
.....Senior Warden.
[Seal.] .....Secretary.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergency.

Secretaries of lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the lodges as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute books, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open lodge, they should be signed by the Worshipful Master.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge *for the whole year:* therefore if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Secretary should not write.

4 Diplomas, &c., &c., &c.
4 Enrolments, &c , &c., &c., as is frequently done, but
10 Diplomas, &c , &c.
10 Enrolments, &c., &c.

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *Supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob, or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith; the Secretary of the lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John *David* Smith; but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say three or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about 70 lodges in the early part of May, "Please send diplomas *by return mail.*"

In the return of subscribing members, be careful to give first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed;* then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M.; then all the other members. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the "Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The election of officers in Subordinate Lodges will, for the future, be held at the regular meeting in March, not April as heretofore.—(*See Constitution, Chapter* 14, *Section* 4.)

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D. 1881—A. L. 5881.

## CHAPTER I.

### OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Secretary.

Any brother nominating a candidate shall place on the Secretary's table a folded paper containing the name of the person he proposes. After all the nominations have been made, the Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz:

Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer.
" " " Chaplain.
Very " Senior Grand Deacon.
" " Junior Grand Deacon.
" " Grand Superintendent of Works.
" " " Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Sword Bearer.
" " " Organist
" " " Pursuivant.
" " " Stewards (six).
" " " Tyler.

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 4. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the

Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the Representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Senior Grand Warden.
Past Senior Grand Wardens.
Junior Grand Warden.
Past Junior Grand Warden.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Chaplains.
Senior Grand Deacon.
Junior Grand Deacon.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. The following officers must be either Masters or Past Masters :

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| The Most | Worshipful | Grand | Master. |
| " | Right | " | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " | " | " | Senior Grand Warden. |
| " | " | " | Junior Grand Warden. |
| " | " | " | Grand Treasurer. |
| " | " | " | Grand Secretary. |
| " | " | " | Grand Lecturer. |

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively :

On Credentials and Returns.
On Constitution and Regulations.
On Grievances and Appeal.
On Finance and Audit.
On Foreign Correspondence.
On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Cammittees ; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall in his opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order :—By the Deputy Grand Master ; Senior Grand Warden ; Junior Grand Warden ; Past Grand Master ; Past Deputy Grand Master ; Past Senior Grand Warden ; Past Junior Grand Warden ; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present ; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master, or Past Grand Master presides ; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them ; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such

delegated authority as it may appoint ; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons ; but a reasonable time, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge, and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise from his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge ; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

SECTION 25. No Rule, By-Law or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read ; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected, at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken ; and if no Brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother, on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not especially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notices of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule, or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

## CHAPTER III.

### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge, during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

## OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into five districts, numbered as follows :—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.

No 2. To include the Western part of the County of Digby and the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg.

No. 3. To include the Eastern part of Digby County and the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants.

No. 4. To include the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish, and the Western part of the County of Guysborough.

No. 5. To include the Eastern part of the County of Guysborough, and the Island of Cape Breton.

SECTION 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the district to which he is elected, and a resident of the district.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and Officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its by-laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, and exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the district of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his district. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

SECTION 10. Each District Duputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Master of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication ; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise ; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings ; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody ; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge ; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge ; to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons ; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct ; to conduct the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge ; to receive regularly, credit and record, all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received ; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary ; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master,

## CHAPTER VIII.

### OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge ; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings ; but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the Fraternity.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication, and must be members of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its boards and committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler, or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no Dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge.

SECTION 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

SECTION 6. The Master elect shall be installed by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge, at which Past Masters only shall be present, when he shall take the obligation and receive the secrets appertaining to that degree.

SECTION 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

SECTION 8. In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master by the presiding officer.

SECTION 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application

has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother, immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge, shall sign the by-laws thereof, and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If, in case of any accident, the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meetings may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the members of the Lodge, and afterwards be recorded in the minute-book; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of the Lodges, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz.: For the first and

second degrees $6 each, for the third degree $8 ; nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, o suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues ; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended—notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of installation of officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master, or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to 20th day of May in each year; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments shall have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master; and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

SECTION 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a brother, except such as may be required by the Laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall any Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

SECTION 38. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of

which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom ; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 42. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodges should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge, or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge ; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be ballotted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported, and if elected he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances ; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he be in good standing and clear of all indebted-

ness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will, of course, be the duty of the M. W. to ascertain before he signs the dimit that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves ; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation.

The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge ; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its By-Laws.

## CHAPTER XV.

### OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No General Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are gold and may be described as follows:

*The Grand Master.*—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendent therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and compasses, the sun in full glory.

*Past Grand Master.*—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°—the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square united.
*Senior Grand Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Grand Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Grand Treasurer.*—A chased Key.
*Grand Secretary.*—Key and Pen crossed.
*Grand Lecturer.*—Semi-circle in a triangle.
*Grand Chaplain.*—Eradiated Eye in a triangle.
*Senior Grand Deacon.*—Mallet within a Wreath.
*Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath.
*Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Corinthian column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.
*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*—Crossed Rods with a tie.
*Grand Sword Bearer.*—Crossed Swords.
*Grand Organist.*—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.
*Grand Pursuivant.*—Cross Baton and Sword.
*Grand Tyler.*—A Sword.
*Chairman of Stewards.*—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double

cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from collars of blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with Silver. The Jewels shall be of silver, as follows :

*Master.*—The Square.
*Past Master.*—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendent within it.
*Senior Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Treasurer.*—The Key.
*Secretary.*—The Crossed Pens.
*Deacons.*—The Dove encircled.
*Marshal or Inner Guard*—Crossed Swords.
*Stewards.*—Cornucopia in a Wreath.
*Tyler.*—The Sword.

SECTION 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament ; white strings.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Master Mason.*—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.*—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate

and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge:—

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| Dispensation to new Lodge | $50.00 |
| Charter to new Lodge | 30.00 |
| Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book | 1.00 |
| Diploma for each member | 1.00 |
| Annual dues for each member | 0.75 |
| Copy of Charter in case of loss | 5.00 |
| Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet | 0.50 |
| Every other sheet | 0.30 |
| Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto | 1.00 |
| Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month | 5.00 |
| Three copies of printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge, at 50c. each | 1.50 |

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Art. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. *(See Standing Regulation 16.)*

Art. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz.: G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Applications for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, shall receive the benefit of this Fund, unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7.—A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every General Communication.

## FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of————Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of————years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

.....*W. Master.*
[Seal.] .....*S. Warden.*
.....*J. Warden.*
[Date.] .....*Secretary.*

## CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretatary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

## STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alteration made in the Constitution all clauses in the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee, when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a brother affiliating from another Lodge *under this Jurisdiction.*—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. Repealed.—[See Proceedings 1880, page 53.)

14. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favourable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings, 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a dispensation or charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by

Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced: the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October, and the 30th April in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, a correct report of receipt and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge.—[Proceedings 1878, page 60.]

23. *Resolved*, That the words "*ten miles in every direction*" in section 42, chapter 14, of the Constitution, mean a radius of ten miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*. That the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their Reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table, within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Resolution No. 5.—[Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

25. *Resolved*, That the Investigating Committee are appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the character and antecedents of the candidate, for the information and guidance of the Brethren of the Lodge. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report favorably or unfavorably, according to the judgment of its members; but the report is made within the four walls of the Lodge, and no further

record should be made in the Minutes than that the Investigating Committee reported. The words favorably or unfavorably should not be entered in the Minutes.—[Proceedings 1879, page 27.]

26. *Resolved*, That an application for a Dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case require immediate action.—[Proceedings 1880, page 40.]

27. *Resolved*, That, in future, Grand Lodge prevent the incorporation of its subordinate Lodges.—[Proceedings 1880, page 46.]

28. *Resolved*, That all cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1871, page 41.]

29. *Resolved*, That a brother holding the position of Warden of a subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed.—[Proceedings 1881, page 43.]

30. *Resolved*, That permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes.—[Proceedings 1881, page 44.]

# REPORT

OF THE

# Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:—

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| Alabama | 1880 | Mississippi | 1881 |
| Arkansas | 1880 | Montana | 1880 |
| British Columbia | 1880 | Nebraska | 1880 |
| California | 1880 | Nevada | 1880 |
| Canada | 1880 | New Jersey | 1881 |
| Colorado | 1880 | New Mexico | 1881 |
| Connecticut | 1881 | North Carolina | 1880 |
| Dakota | 1880 | Ohio | 1880 |
| Delaware | 1880 | Oregon | 1880 |
| Georgia | 1880 | Pennsylvania | 1880 |
| Illinois | 1880 | Prince Edward Island | 1880 |
| Indiana | 1880 | Quebec | 1880 |
| Indian Territory | 1880 | Rhode Island | 1880 |
| Iowa | 1880 | South Carolina | 1880 |
| Kansas | 1881 | Tennessee | 1880 |
| Kentucky | 1880 | Texas | 1880 |
| Maine | 1880 | Utah | 1881 |
| Manitoba | 1881 | Vermont | 1880 |
| Maryland | 1880 | Virginia | 1880 |
| Massachusetts | 1880 | West Virginia | 1880 |
| Michigan | 1881 | Washington Territory | 1880 |
| Missouri | 1880 | Wisconsin | 1880 |
| Minnesota | 1881 | Wyoming | 1880 |

## ALABAMA—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama held its sixtieth Annual Grand Communication in the City of Montgomery, Dec. 6th, 1880, M. W. Henry Clay Tompkins, Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers except two were present; and there was also a large attendance of Past Grand Officers and Masters, Wardens and Proxies from Subordinate Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master's address congratulates the brethren upon the favourable auspices under which they met, there being no deaths of any prominent brethren, and all relations with other jurisdictions being amicable.

Twenty-six decisions of the Grand Master are stated, all of which we heartily endorse. It is gratifying to read the following :

"I do not believe that at any time the condition of our order has been more prosperous than at the present. Among its members are to be found many of the wisest and best of our land, and in its interests are enlisted the heartiest service of the true and the good. * * Masonry is based and founded upon principles as imperishable as the everlasting hills. * * Let us, each one, resolve that we will walk in the paths pointed out by the hand of Masonry, and let the world see that our tenets are something more than mere abstract theories; that they are living vital principles, by which our lives are guided. Let us not only resolve to do it, but let us do it. The true strength of a lodge is not to be measured by the number of its members, but by the character of those members."

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer report the receipts of the year at $4101.37, and expenditure at $4581.88.

The report on Finance is an able and sensible document.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very full and unusually interesting. Fifty-one Grand Lodge Proceedings are reviewed, including Nova Scotia, the observations concerning which are friendly, thoughtful and appreciative.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

Lodges, 300 ; Members, 8,459.

## ARKANSAS—1880.

The proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas for 1880 are prefaced by a portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, Thornburgh, whose intelligent, honest countenance beams upon us in fraternal greeting.

The Grand Lodge commenced its forty-first Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, on the 23rd November, 1880.

The Grand Master's address is lengthy, dealing with many interesting questions—and always in admirable spirit and with good taste and sound judgment. He rejoices in the prosperity of his State and Nation, and is persuaded that the Masonic institution is in a most healthful condition. He refers in a strain of proper indignation to the attacks that have from time to time been made upon our Order by bigots and fanatics, who neither understood our aims nor appreciated our principles; and he rejoices warmly in the triumphs and victories which Masonry has for so many centuries achieved. He urges the Grand Lodge of Arkansas to keep out of debt; he inveighs severely against profanity and intemperance—particularly the latter, against which he affectionately warns all who desire to be true Masons.

The twenty-two decisions rendered by the Grand Master strike us as unobjectionable in point of Law, and all the closing observations are valuable and interesting.

The business of the Grand Lodge seems to have been conducted throughout in a masterly and business-like manner.

On Nov. 25th, Bro George E. Dodge, Grand Orator, delivered a remarkably able and suggestive address, from which, if we had space to publish, it would be a great pleasure to quote largely. It is marked throughout by a sound judgment, a humor which plays genially around the dryest of practical considerations, and when the theme seems to demand, a strain of eloquence at once touching and inspiring.

Bro. George Thornburgh was received as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Spain, and welcomed with the Grand Honors, and in an appropriate address by the new Grand Master, J. H. Van Hoose, to which he responded in an excellent but all too brief address.

We regret the omission from publication of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and sincerely hope it may be published on future occasions.

Grand Master, J. H. Van Hoose ; Grand Secretary, L. E. Barber, re-elected.

No. Lodges, 336 ; No. members, 8863.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA—1880.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia commenced its ninth Annual Communication at Victoria, June 19th, 1880.

The address of M. W. Grand Master Harrison is a brief but carefully written and business-like paper. It alludes with gratification to the acknowledgment by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, but still firmly yet kindly repudiates the doctrine laid down by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the subject with which that Grand Jurisdiction is in discussion, concerning the Jurisdiction of Quebec. It says : "Our relations with all Grand Lodges are in peace and harmony, and there is no misunderstanding with any Grand Lodge but that of Scotland." It further says : "The Craft in the Province is united and financially in a prosperous condition."

The address of the Deputy Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary are replete with interest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews the amount collected during the year to be $1269.47, and expenditures for the year, of $700.00, and a very substantial balance in hand.

A strong resolution on the subject of the claims set up by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, reported from the Board of General Purposes, was adopted, closing with the following :—

"Now therefore we, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, desire it to be distinctly understood that we do not recognise the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or any other Grand Lodge to issue charters or in any way interfere within the jurisdiction of British Columbia."

M. W. Eli Harrison, Sen., Grand Master, (re-elected.)

V. W. Edgar Crow Baker, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

## CALIFORNIA—1880.

The 31st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California commenced in San Francisco, Oct. 12th, 1880.

The Grand Master in his excellent address admits that "the past year has not been distinguished by anything beyond ordinary events. The Craft within the jurisdiction can safely be said to have generally prospered, and our relations with other Grand Lodges are unchanged, and of the most amicable character." He expresses his deep feelings and the sentiments of the Craft in appropriate eulogy of the character of the late R. W. John B. Hewson, P. J. G. W., and of the venerable brother, the late Samuel Graves, who died during the year.

The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Lecturer are exceedingly able and interesting documents.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Bodies in an able, lucid and comprehensive manner.

The report of Bro. T. H. Caswell, from the special committee to whom had been referred the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary is exceedingly interesting, particularly in its kind and appreciative allusions to the great and valued services of Grand Secretary Abell. It says: "In May, 1855, when our Grand Secretary first entered upon the discharge of the duties of that office, there were upon the roll of the Grand Lodge 78 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 2661. To-day there are borne upon our roll 203 Lodges, with a membership of 12,400." The Grand Secretary has made for himself an enduring reputation not only in his own State but wherever the reports of California have been for the past quarter of a century read or studied.

Grand Orator Preston's address is a very fine tribute to the lofty principles and enduring value of Masonic tenets.

A splendid testimonial was presented to Past Grand Master Browne for his eminent services, which was presented and acknowledged with the hearty and genuine eloquence which such an event would be calculated to evoke.

An immense amount of miscellaneous business was transacted.

Grand Master—M. W. Samuel Crawford Denson, Sacramento.

Grand Secretary—Alexander G. Abell, San Francisco.

## CANADA—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Canada held an Especial Communication on Tuesday, 22nd June, 1880, to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the M. E. Church about to be erected at Floating Bridge, in the County of Lennox and Addington. Impressive and suitable ceremonies attended the event.

Another special Communication was held at the village of Delta, County of Leeds, to lay the corner stone of the New Town Hall; and another was held, in the same month, at Goderich, County of Huron, to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. George's (Episcopal) Church.

The 25th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of Guelph on the 14th July, A. D. 1880. Present—M. W. Jas. A. Henderson, Grand Master, on the Throne, and a large attendance of members and officers.

An address of welcome from the City Council of the City of Guelph was presented, and the Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, thanked the Corporation and the people of Guelph for their kindness and liberality in entertaining the Grand Lodge as they had done.

The various Lodges of the City also presented a pleasing address of welcome, which was suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Master's address, which followed, was a brief but satisfactory document, to which nothing but praise can be given. The District Deputies' reports exhibit a large amount of painstaking work performed by those useful officials, which cannot fail to strengthen and solidify the Order.

The account of receipts and expenditures is very gratifying indeed, showing over $62,000 surplus, and yearly receipts of about $16,000.

Masonry in Ontario seems to be in a flourishing condition. *Esto Perpetua!*

M. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, Q.C., Grand Master, re-elected.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

No. Lodges, 340; No. Members, 17,474.

## COLORADO—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado met in Annual Communication in Denver, Sept. 21st, 1880, M. W. Byron L. Carr, Grand Master, presiding.

Among the many excellent remarks in the Grand Master's address, we refer to the following :—

"I congratulate you, my brethren, on the healthy condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction. During the past year nothing has occurred to materially disturb that universal peace and harmony which should at all times prevail. Our relations with sister jurisdictions are most cordial. * * * The reports for the past year will show a considerable increase in the number of initiations."

Grand Master Carr bestows a vigorous paragraph upon the class of Masons who are styled "Masonic Tramps," which we cordially endorse.

The oration of G. Lecturer G. E. Wyman, which is published in full, is a very instructive, readable and interesting production, from which want of space alone prevents us quoting at length.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief but succinct, giving merely an outline of the proceedings of other Grand bodies.

Grand Master—M. W. L. N. Greenleaf, Denver.

Grand Secretary—R. W. E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.

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## CONNECTICUT—1880.

The published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1881, forming the ninety-third Annual Report of that body, are prefaced by a portrait of Past Grand Master J. H. Barlow.

The Annual Communication for 1881 was held at New Haven, January 19th, 1881.

The Grand Master in the opening portion of his address feelingly alludes to the death of a number of well known and prominent Masons of that jurisdiction.

The unhappy conflict between the jurisdictions of New York and Connecticut comes in for extended remarks. We sincerely trust that this very sad difference of opinion may soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

It would be a great discredit to both the moral and constitutional principles of our institution if it were decided that there was no other path toward a solution of the questions involved except that of non-intercourse.

The tone and temper of Grand Master Barlow's correspondence and circulars on this painful subject are worthy of our highest praise.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut hails with much satisfaction the uniting of the Masonic Fraternity in Cuba, and cordially recognizes the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba.

The report of the Committee on the New York Controversy is a brief but exceedingly strong document.

A report of Rev. H. T. Widdemers, addressed to the Grand Lodge, "Concerning some of the Foundation Stones of Freemasonry," is published with the proceedings. It is an exceedingly interesting and beautiful production, replete with vigorous thought and warm feeling.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very instructive—full and appreciative. Nova Scotia for 1879 is briefly reviewed.

Number of Masons, 14,600; Number of Lodges, 120.

Grand Master—M. W. James McCormick.

Grand Secretary—R. W. J. K. Wheeler.

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## DAKOTA—1880.

The sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Dakota assembled at Yankton, June 8th, 1880.

G. H. Hand, M. W. Grand Master, delivered a brief address, from which we extract a few sentences:

> "Our Lodges are out of debt and increasing in numbers. Peace and harmony prevail within our borders, and no case of grievance has been brought to my notice. * * I have issued dispensations for five new Lodges during the year."

The Grand Master among other decisions states it as a rule in his jurisdiction that a separate ballot is required for each degree. The death of P. G. M. Campbell is appropriately touched upon, and a

lengthy discussion of the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota towards this Grand Lodge is indulged in, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence strongly endorse the words and action of the Grand Master in the premises.

This question of jurisdiction ought certainly by this time to be adjusted between two such intelligent and honorable bodies, and we will not mix in the discussion until our views are asked, but we cannot refrain from saying that upon the statement of facts furnished by M. W. Bro. Hand, Dakota, must in the end, prevail.

The full report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very able, and the review of the Minnesota claim exceedingly spirited and worthy of the calmest consideration by students of Masonic jurisprudence. We rejoice to observe at the end of this report, and after perusing the above lines, that the Lodge at Bismark yielded its allegiance to and was received upon the register of Dakota. Brethren you have done nobly in standing firmly to your principles on this important subject.

Geo. H. Hand re-elected M. W. Grand Master.

Charles T. McCoy re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

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## DELAWARE—1880.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was convened at Newport, Sept. 2nd, 1880, for the purpose of a public installation of the officers elect of Armstrong Lodge, No. 26.

As there is something so new to us in Nova Scotia in the proceedings of this occasion, we extract from the minutes of Grand Lodge the following :

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to McFarlan's Grove, about one mile from Newport, where after the singing of an installation hymn, prepared for the occasion, by the choir of the M. E. Church, of Newport, and an opening prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. John France, the Grand Master, John Taylor, then installed the following Brothers elect and appointed as officers of Armstrong Lodge, No. 26, for the ensuing Masonic year.

The Secretary and Treasurer being re-elected were not re-installed-

The following we quite understand :

The Grand Officers, the newly installed officers, and a few invited guests, then partook of a banquet furnished by Armstrong Lodge, No. 26, and had a very pleasant and enjoyable time.

A Special Communication was convened at Wilmington Sept. 13, 1880, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, at Newcastle, the services being those usual on such occasions.

An excellent address was made by the orator of the day, Rev. Bro. J. H. Caldwell, from which we extract :

The ritual ceremonies connected with dedications are among the most ancient that are yet found extant upon the earth, and the lessons which they impart are the most instructive and purifying. They relate to the dedication or consecration to God, or to some high and sacred use, of buildings, places, persons and things. Their significance depends no little upon the nature of the service to which their objects are devoted.

The seventy-fourth Annual Communication was held at Wilmington on the 6th and 7th of October, 1880, M. W. John Taylor presiding, with R. W. William S. Hayes, as Grand Secretary and Representative of Nova Scotia.

Twenty-one Lodges—the total number in the jurisdiction—being represented.

The Grand Master in his address says :

The institution of Masonry, unless late discoveries made in Egypt are misread, dates very far back into antiquity. More than thirty centuries look down upon *our* deliberations to-day.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the Treasury of Grand Lodge of $842.41.

Among the " Regulations of the Grand Lodge in Force" we notice the following :

20. " That an unaffiliated Mason cannot be permitted to visit any Lodge in this jurisdiction more than twice without affiliating."

21. " That none but members of the Grand Lodge—past or present officers of other Grand Lodges excepted—shall be present at the opening thereof, or during an election."

23. " That every Mason in this jurisdiction is particularly enjoined to avoid addressing or saluting each other as a Free Mason, unless in private, or in open Lodge. Violations of this rule to be punished by reprimand or suspension."

28. " *Resolved*, That all the officers of the Grand Lodge, elected and appointed, *must be actual Past Masters*."

32. *Resolved*, That it is unmasonic for any Subordinate Lodge to enter, pass or raise more than one candidate at one and the same time."

2nd—The performance of the solemn services required by Masonry over the remains of a Brother is *Masonic Labor*, and the Lodge while so engaged is performing Masonic labor, and *must* have, therefore, *absolute* and *complete control*, and cannot permit any but *Masons*, in good standing, to take *any* part therein.

M. W. Joseph W. H. Watson, Grand Master.
R. W. William S. Hayes, Grand Secretary.

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## GEORGIA—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia assembled in its First Biennial Session under the new Constitution, M. W. James M. Mobley, Grand Master, presiding, in the City of Macon, Oct. 26th, A. D. 1880.

"Since the last Communication," we are informed, "three of the Past Worthy Deputy Grand Masters have been called to the Celestial Lodge above," viz.: R. W. D. G. M. Simon Holt, Dr. Robert M. Smith and Dr. J. M. Austin—all trusty and faithful workmen, who will not soon be forgotten.

The new Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations appear to work well.

During the year the Grand Master assisted in laying the corner stone of King's Mountain and Cowpens Monuments, which were attended with brilliant and appropriate ceremonies, calculated to extend brotherly feeling, to confirm patriotic ardor, and arouse a spirit of increased Masonic zeal among the brethren in Georgia.

The decisions reported are generally acceptable, except No. 6—"A suspended Mason ought not to be chargeable with dues during his suspension." This, we think, needs much modification before it can be received as sound law in all cases.

The general tone and elevated sentiments of this very interesting address are highly creditable to the intelligence and heart of the very able Grand Master of Georgia.

Finances seem to be well looked after and in good condition. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence, which we regret.

The R. W. D. G. M., Josiah I. Wright, was elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary J. Emmet Blackshear was re-elected.

## ILLINOIS—1880.

Proceedings 1880. Grand Communication held at Chicago, Oct. 5th, 1880.

M. W. Theodore T. Gurney, Grand Master in the Chair, delivered an able and comprehensive address, thoroughly reviewing the labors of the past year. We with difficulty forbear quoting extensively, but the miserable necessity of brevity is charged upon us for the present.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the Proceedings of fifty-two American Grand Lodges and forms one of the most thorough and appreciative statements of the condition, movements and status of Masonry in America that we have ever seen. Bro. Robbins has laid the Craft under an obligation that cannot be repaid by compliments, nor with our humble ability and with the space and time at our disposal, even by imitation. But as the reviewer approaches him in patience, catholic spirit, and Masonic learning, so will he approach perfection.

Masonry in Illinois is strong, flourishing and worthy of our highest admiration for its methods and its zeal.

Lodges, 688; Represented in Grand Lodges, 623; Representatives present, 654; Initiated, 1900; Passed, 1729; Raised, 1692; Total membership, 1880, 36,570.

M. W. William H. Scott, Grand Master.

R. W. John F. Burrill, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

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## INDIANA—1880.

The sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, May 25th, A. D., 1880.

Grand Master B. S. Sutton, a large attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers and representatives of four hundred and eighty-seven Subordinate Lodges were present.

The address of the Grand Master after an eloquent exordium, deals thoroughly with a large amount of routine business. The decisions are not numerous but are carefully considered and seem to us sound law. He refers appropriately to the loss sustained by the Craft

in the loss of Past Grand Chaplain Leach, and of the M. W. Grand Master Bullock of Connecticut.

On the subject of biennial sessions and the Grand Lodge debt he remarks:

"The question of finance is a very important one; it rises up every year as a source of solicitude in this Grand Body. The expense attached to our annual meeting, per diem, mileage of members, printing, &c., amounts to, at least, ten thousand dollars. If this large sum can be saved to the Craft in our present embarrassed condition, I submit to you, one and all, if it would not be a proper thing to do. Consider this matter carefully and earnestly, and when this Grand Lodge is adjourned, let it be for two years, and when it is done you have taken a rapid stride toward the removal of this great incubus."

The Grand Master's recommendations were accepted.

Lodges, 553. Members, 24,000.

M. W. Calvin W. Prather, Jeffersonville, Grand Master.

R. W. Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

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## INDIAN TERRITORY—1880.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory met in its sixth Annual Communication in the Baptist Church, in the Town of Atoka, on the 2nd of November, 1880.

The Grand Master refers feelingly to the fraternal dead; gives good counsel to the Craft in relation to the obligations of brethren toward each other, and refers briefly but succinctly to the matters of business attended to during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is exceedingly brief, principally on account of the expense that would have attended a more lengthy review.

Lodges, 13. Members, 362.

Grand Master, M. W. P. J. Byrne, Fort Gibson, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, R. W. J. S. Murrow, Atoka.

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## IOWA—1880.

The 37th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa began at Des Moines, June 1st, A. D., 1880, Albert C. Abbott, M. W. Grand Master, Theodore S. Parvin, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to the laying of the corner stone of a Masonic Temple at Oskaloosa, to the dedication of several Masonic halls, dispensations for new lodges and for other purposes, and also with appropriate observations to the honored dead, among whom were included Past Grand Master Peck, of Iowa. Foreign relations are harmonious and satisfactory. The Grand Master strongly urged the continuance of published reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, quoting the language of the late Grand Master Wood, of Alabama, in commendation of the custom. The Grand Secretary's report is a thorough and interesting exhibit of the work of the past year. The Librarian's report shows a most admirable effort in the direction of collecting masonic publications and works of interest, that cannot fail in time to produce splendid results. The observations of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library are worthy of highest praise.

The installation ceremonies were imposing and attended with every circumstance calculated to lend attraction and beauty to the ceremonial.

Able and eloquent addresses followed, from which many delightful passages might be quoted had we space at our disposal. We refer particularly to the speeches of the Grand Secretary, of Bros. N. M. Hubbard, Joseph S. Jenckes, jr., and Josiah Given.

Thanks were extended to the "sweet singers" and to the above named brethren for their efforts.

The "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vol. viii, part 1, 1880," form an attractive volumn, which reflects credit upon the work of the Grand Lodge, upon the taste and judgment of the editor and the skill of the printer.

M. W. Grand Master—John N. McClanahan.

R. W. Grand Secretary—T. S. Parvin, (re-elected.)

A portrait of the Grand Master adorns the frontispiece.

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## KANSAS—1881.

The 25th Annual Communication began Feby. 16th, 1881. M. W. Jos. D. McCleverty, Grand Master, in his proper place—as also our Representative, R. W. E. T. Carr, P. G. J. W.

From the Grand Master's address we extract the following:

PUBLICITY IN MASONIC MATTERS.

"Of late years there appears to be too great a publicity in Lodge matters. So common has this become that some of the city papers publish once each week, a statement of all work done during the past week, and to be done in the succeeding one, even specifying degrees, and after stating who did the work or in some way mentioning the officers, thus getting somebody's "name in the papers." If a Mason is put upon trial for some offence, it is common street-talk. If one dies, resolutions are published, lauding indifferently the best and the worst. Equally in kind is the practice of public installations. Now, I cannot but think that all this "bodes no good," and that some such radical cure might well be adopted, as forbidding any and all publicity, save and except the single and dignified occasion of the burial of a deceased Mason, or when responding in deference to some public invitation."

The Proceedings cover about 270 pages, are well printed and the cover is "BLUE." Why do not all Grand Lodges use *the* colour as well as Kansas, Montana and others? We have green, gray and yellow before us—what do they represent?

In the review of Foreign Correspondence Nova Scotia receives two pages of notice, speaking highly of Grand Master Laurie's address in 1879, and lauding Grand Secretary Curren's remarks upon rendering Lodge meetings attractive, and so preventing the falling off in attendance, as follows:

"We think Bro. Curren has hit very close to the cause of the trouble, and the remedy he suggests is a good one, if not the only one. All the legislation that the wisdom of man can possibly contrive will not so effectively bring about the end sought for as the method suggested in the above quotation. Let our daily walk and conversation among men be such as to commend us to the favor of all mankind, and we need have no fears of our success in building up an interest in our Order and a faithful attendance at the regular meetings.'

The playful banter of Bro. Brown with Bro. Crowe strikes sadly, our dear Grand Master will never smile upon it. He is now at Rest, and he who succeeds him as regards these reviews, can only thank Bro. Brown for his kindliness, and regret that it must be now only a kindliness of grief and regret.

Lodges, 190. Members, 8,425.

M. W. Wm. Cowgill, Grand Master, Fredonia.

R. W. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary, Wyandotte.

## KENTUCKY—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky met at Louisville October 19th, A. D., 1880.

Grand Master Rice's address refers at considerable length to the noble charity, "The Widows' and Orphans' Home," eloquently pressing its claims upon the sympathy and practical efforts of the members.

An interesting report of Bros. Frizzel and Dashiel on an important question of jurisdiction is published. The point was: "Has a Lodge penal jurisdiction over Masons residing within its territorial bounds committing offences therein, who are members of another Lodge?" The report strongly supports the affirmative.

A large amount of miscellaneous business was transacted.

Number of members—15,737.

Grand Master—M. W. W. LaRue Thomas.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Hiram Bassett, (re-elected.)

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## MAINE—1880.

The sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held at Portland, May 4th, A. D., 1880; M. W. Charles I. Collamore, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master refers to the honored dead, particularly to the late Thos. J. Corson, of New Jersey, and Ezra B. French, of Maine, His decisions are few in number, but seem to us sound in law.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is exceedingly thorough. Nova Scotia is succinctly reviewed. One slight error only is observed, viz: the *annual* dues from Lodges were *not* raised but only notice of motion to that effect given.

The Committee's observations on the subject of non-affiliation are worthy of most solemn thought, particularly in Nova Scotia.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters exhibit a large amount of careful and painstaking labor performed in the interests of Masonry.

The Craft in Maine is vigorous in its growth, and well governed in its administration.

Lodges, 184; Members, 19,303.

M. W. Charles I. Collamore, (re-elected), Grand Master.

R. W. Ira Berry, (re-elected,) Grand Secretary.

## MANITOBA—1881.

An emergent Communication was held at Morris, July 7th, 1880, for the purpose of "laying the foundation stone of All Saint's Church, of the denomination of Christians, known as Episcopalians, (or Church of England)."

The Morris Church choir and the Winnipeg Field Battery band seem to have satisfactorily played their several parts on the occasion.

A special Communication was held at Winnipeg for the express purpose of presenting a Past Grand Master's apron—"the gift of the fraternity at large"—to the Rev. Samuel P. Matheson, Past Grand Master, as a recognition of very eminent services performed by him in healing the unfortunate differences which existed in this jurisdiction at the time of his elevation to the Grand East.

A special Communication was also held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Louise Railway and Traffic Bridge on the Red River.

The sixth Annual Communication was held at Winnipeg, Feb. 9th and 10th, 1881, M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Master, presiding.

From the Grand Master's sound practical address we extract the following:

"The less we cling to theories or wrangle over rituals, the more we strive to make Masonry practical; the more we show forth unmistakably its benign principles, and the more we cherish *brotherly love*, *relief* and *truth*, the more surely will we make both ourselves and Free Masonry respected and honored."

The Grand Master strongly recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which recommendation was subsequently endorsed by the Committee on the Address, and adopted by Grand Lodge.

Referring to the death of our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Bell, says:

"Many of the Masons in this Province and the North-west hail from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, several of whom are here present to-night, and it is with profound sorrow that I now allude to the death of their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, in November last. He had been for about twenty-five years connected with the order, had filled many of the most responsible

offices, and at the last annual communication of that Grand Lodge was elected Grand Master. He was considered one of the best informed Masons in our sister Province and his loss is keenly felt. In fact in every path of life he has left dear friends. To them and more especially to his bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy."

The Committee on the Address allude to our great loss as follows:

"We unite with the Grand Master in expressing deep regret at the loss to the Masonic brotherhood generally, by death, of M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, late Grand Master of Nova Scotia. We tender to our brethren of that Grand Lodge our deepest sympathy."

There are 15 Lodges in the jurisdiction—the largest having 81 members—the smallest 8.

Total membership, 488. Cash in hand of Grand Treasurer, $314.33; total assets, $640.

M. W. John Headly Bell, Grand Master, Winnipeg.

R. W. James Henderson, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

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## MARYLAND—1880.

Special Communications were held June 9th and Sept. 30th. The annual Communication opened Nov. 16th, 1880. M. W. Bro. Jno M. Carter, Grand Master, presiding on all three occasions.

On June the 9th Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple at Towsontown.

The Communication on Sept. 30th was held in response to an invitation of the city authorities to assist by a procession in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city of Baltimore of which the Grand Master says in his address at the Annual Communication:

"At the first suggestion of a Masonic display on the occasion considerable objection was urged, upon the ground that a purely Masonic object or purpose only should be responded to by a parade of the Grand Lodge. But when the committee on the part of the City authorities became kindly importunate for the participation of the Fraternity, and assigned a day specially for the purpose, imposing the single condition that we should be accompanied by the school children of the City, there appeared to be no valid objection to our uniting in the general rejoicing. The result was a grand success, commensurate with the importance of the occasion."

We heartily congratulate our brethren of the lovely monumental city, and the writer rejoices to see in the R. W. Grand Marshal, W. B. Lyons, the Secretary of his parent Lodge, Hiram, No. 107.

At the Annual Communication our Representative, Bro. John A. Robb, was in his place.

The report of Committee on Correspondence is "a document" and not a review of the various Grand Lodges, *seriatim.* The following extracts are worthy of attention :

"A difficulty has also arisen between the Grand Lodges of Tennessee and Kentucky, in regard to the action of a Tennessee Lodge in expelling, for alleged unmasonic conduct, a member of a Kentucky Lodge who was sojourning at that time in Tennessee. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee claims jurisdiction over the accused Mason, while the Grand Lodge of Kentucky insists that the case should be tried by the Lodge of which he is a member."

"Your Committee agree with the opinion of Mitchell on this question, as expressed in his work entitled the "Common Law of Masonry," and which is as follows: "Masons holding membership in other jurisdictions must be tried where they hold membership; but it is the duty of any Lodge to prefer charges, have them authenticated and forwarded to his Lodge. Not so with non-affiliated Masons; they must be tried by the nearest Lodge."

"American Lodge statistics for 1880, carefully compiled by Bros. Drummond and Berry, of Maine, show 573,317 Master Masons, against 582,556 last year, a falling off of 9,239. The number raised in 1880—19,685, against 21,788 in 1879, a decrease of 2,103. The number of affiliated in 1880—17,523, against 16,880 for 1879, an increase of 643. Suspensions for non-payment of dues in 1880—23,210, against 22,054 for 1879. "The tide is still ebbing," but as the loss is confined principally to those who take but little interest in Masonry, and may continue for several years yet, as no Mason is suspended, as a general rule, until he is two or more years in default, the apparent loss is, no doubt, less serious than it would be if due to other causes."

"The Grand Orient of France is yet joined to her idols, and French Lodges appear to have degenerated into mere debating societies for the discussion of theological and other questions altogether foreign to Masonry."

Lodges, 176 ; Members, 4,735.

Grand Master—M. W. John S. Tyson, Baltimore.

Grand Secretary—R. W. J. H. Medairy, 6 N. Howard St., Baltimore.

## MASSACHUSETTS—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held two Special Communications, one on Oct. 1st, 1880, at Randolph, and another on Dec. 4th, 1880, at Boston, the former for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic apartments of Norfolk, Union Lodge, and the latter for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Senior Past Grand Master, John T. Heard.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 8th, 1880. Grand Master Welch's address thanks the members of Lodges for the unvarying support given him in the discharge of the duties of his office, refers to the pain he frequently experienced in refusing requests which he believed to infringe in the slightest degree upon the rules of masonry. He calls the attention of the Craft to important matters of business in relation to the work of the order, and strongly urges some needed reforms and the literal carrying out of all the rules and orders of the Constitution in their entirety.

The Constitution was amended by giving the Past Masters in each Masonic district the right to elect one of their number to represent them in Grand Lodge.

Members, 25,301 ; Lodges, 223.

Grand Master—M. W. Saml. C. Lawrence.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Tracy C. Cheever.

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## MICHIGAN—1881.

A special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan convened at Mt. Clements, October 21, 1880, to lay with appropriate ceremonies the corner-stone of the Court House in that City. The proceedings as reported were exceptionally interesting and the address of Grand Master McGrath which is published in full is at once eloquent and instructive.

The Thirty seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held at Detroit, Jan. 25th, A. D., 1881. Grand Master's Address reports a gratifying increase of membership, aggregating about eleven hundred during the year. He urges economy,

congratulates the Craft on the fraternal relations existing with other Grand Lodges, and offers valuable suggestions on the important questions before the Grand Lodge for solution. An immense number of decisions are rendered in a clear and lucid manner, with nine of which we are disposed to seriously differ,—although several minor points would probably be differently decided in this jurisdiction. His remarks on page 86 concerning non-affiliation, we strongly commend to the consideration of all Masons in Nova Scotia and elsewhere. The whole address is one of the best we have perused for a long time, and is worthy of more than one perusal. A beautiful Masonic funeral service was adopted. A large amount of general business was put through.

A comprehensive report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was adopted and published. A brief review of our Proceedings for 1880 are published. Alas! Bro. Innes will never meet Bro. Crowe this side of the Great River as he fondly expressed the hope that he might when he penned his report!

M. W. Oliver L. Spaulding, Grand Master.

R. W. Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary.

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## MISSOURI—1880.

The sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri met at St. Louis, Oct. 12th, 1880, M. W. Jos. S. Browne, Grand Master; R. W. Jno. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

One hundred and seventy-nine Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's address feelingly alludes at the outset to the loss of R. W. J. E. Carter, R. W. Jas. T. Johnson, and M. W. Israel M. Bullock, of Connecticut.

Numerous decisions are referred to. The reports of the D. D. G. Masters show the Order to be in a healthy condition.

The Grand Secretary reports the Grand Lodge free from debt.

An eloquent and highly appreciative memorial tribute to the late R. W. Bro. Jas. E. Carter is published, which portrays that lamented mason as a true and faithful brother in every relation. "As a mason he was all that Masonry means." Certainly a noble testimonial!

The special report and the reviews of Grand Lodges by the very able secretary, Bro. Vincil, are clear and interesting statements, historical, impartial and quite as full as could be reasonably desired.

Masonry in Missouri is in a sound and prosperous condition.

Lodges, 494; Members, 23,000.

Wm. R. Stubblefield, St. Louis, Grand Master.

Jno. D. Vincil, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

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## MINNESOTA—1881.

The 28th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held January 11th, 1881.

M. W. Bro. H. R. Wells, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

It does not appear that Nova Scotia has any Representative near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Minnesota, however, being represented by our Venerable and Worshipful Bro. Jost, P. M. of Unity, No. 4.

With regard to the differences of this Grand Lodge with that of Dakota the Grand Master says in his address:

"I am happy to say that the serious differences into which we were drifting, as it were, with the Grand Lodge of Dakota, have received a most wholesome check, and but little remains to assure that spirit of concord and true fraternity which should exist."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee give a page to Nova Scotia and mention the receipt of the circular from our Grand Secretary Curren announcing the lamented decease of Grand Master Crowe.

The report is presented by the Chairman, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Past Grand Master, and does him credit.

Lodges, 146. Members, 7,136.

M. W. Henry R. Wells, Grand Master, Preston.

R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

## MISSISSIPPI—1881.

The 63rd Annual Communication began Feby. 9th, in the city of Jackson.

M. W. Grand Master French was in his place, as was also our Representative, M. W. J. N. Howry, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

This Grand Lodge mourns two Past Grand Masters taken from labour during the past year!!

The Grand Master made but one decision. "A Lodge cannot legally hold its regular Communications on Sunday."

This Grand Lodge gave $500 to the Natchez Protestant Orphan Asylum.

"After the Lady Treasurer had read her report, your Grand Secretary, after excusing himself for interrupting the regular programme, handed to the Treasurer five hundred dollars, with the compliments of this Grand Lodge. Brethren, could you have been there at that moment and heard the "God bless the Masons," and the hearty response, "Amen," echoed by that large assemblage, you could never have forgotten it. Tears unbidden, sparkled in the eyes of matrons and maidens, and strong men bowed their heads with hearts too full for utterance. The recollection of that moment will never pass from my memory, and I resolved that no effort that I could put forth would be spared in behalf of those orphaned children."

"Another incident occurred on that occasion which I cannot refrain from noticing. Bro. Frank Burkitt, P. G. M., observed a bright little infant boy, and being struck with its great resemblance to his own little angel boy, which God had taken to himself a short time previous, he adopted the little waif, and it was there and then christened Frank Burkitt, and to-day it is the idol of his heart and home. This is Masonry—and worthy of emulation by us all."

The Foreign Correspondence Report occupies 114 pages, and is presented by Bro. Howry for the Committee. It is admirably drawn up. Nova Scotia receives notice for 1879 and 1880. Bro. Howry says: "*Brother Crowe will see,*" but alas, he will not see with mortal eyes!

"Bro. Crowe will see from this year's report that his Grand Lodge is reviewed for 1879 and 1880. We were in error in stating last year that their proceedings had been received, we discovered our error after our report went to press. In these days of fast mails, every Grand Lodge should receive the proceedings in ten days after being printed. Much depends on the system employed in the offices of Grand Secretaries.

We hope this enplanation will be satisfactory to our esteemed brother, who, we are glad to chronicle, has been promoted to the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge. We have the honor of being the representative at and near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. We thank Bro. Crowe for his complimentary notice of our report and wish the chain that binds us to become brighter, until we meet in that Grand Lodge that's far awa'!"

We trust that it may be long before our respected brother lays down his pen, but when he does, may "the Grand Lodge that's far awa'," as he says, receive, and the G. A. O. T. U. give him rest and reward—as we doubt not he has to our late beloved Grand Master.

Lodges, 290; Members, 9,209.

Grand Master—M. W. J. F. McCormick, Paulding.

Grand Secretary—R. W. J. L. Power, Jackson.

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## MONTANA—1880.

Beautifully printed, on broad pages, and covered with Masonic Blue, comes to us "the Proceedings" of this Grand Lodge for 1880, with a portrait of Grand Master Hiram Knowles. The Grand Master was absent from the 16th Annual Communication, held Sept. 16, 1880, and the M. W. Geo. W. Monroe, Deputy G. M., acted as Grand Master, and read the Grand Master's address, in which he touches upon the annoyances and oppressions inflicted upon Masonic Brethren in countries in which the Roman Church is the established religion:

"In these nationalities where the Catholic Church is the established religion, there still comes to us the cry of annoyances and oppressions inflicted upon our Masonic brethren. These are, I suppose, rightly attributed to the influence and instigation of that Church. Why there should be anything in connection with the Masonic order in those countries to call forth this hostility I am unable to understand. Certainly there is nothing in the United States in our views or practices to instigate it. I have sometimes thought it all arose from a misunderstanding. Many over-zealous friends of our order have persisted in representing it as in some sense a religion. Certainly it is not. It recognizes the fact that man, from the period when he first opened his eyes to all the wonderful and mysterious things of this world up to the present, has been a religious being, and impelled to worship Him they believe created and fashioned all things. Masonry proper recognizes as a fact that there is one true and living God. It believes in man's high destiny, and holds fast to the view of man's immortality. But Masonry does not now exist, and never did,

for the purpose of teaching these tenets. It has other work. It recognizes them, and holds fast to them. That is all. And what simpler and grander belief is there than this? God, the Great Architect of all things. Man, His immortal child. Masonry holds as binding the great fundamental moral teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and believes that in the humblest Masonic Lodge and in the greatest State there can be no permanent peace, prosperity and unity, unless there is recognized as fundamental these far-reaching rules."

Nova Scotia is thus spoken of in the Foreign Correspondence Review:

"This sturdy young Masonic sovereignty, occupying the north-east corner of our continental ground floor, presents good square blocks from the quarries of its experience. It has seventy-five Lodges with 3,046 members. It flourishes, respected at home and abroad notwithstanding it has reached its Fifteenth Anniversary, and there is still one Lodge, the Royal Standard, holding under the English jurisdiction. There seems to be reciprocal intercourse and good feeling.

"Grand Master Laurie, who has filled the *throne* for six successive terms, gave much good advice gathered from his long experience, most of which received ready endorsement. One of these matters was to require a brother to give a month's notice of his intention to dimit. But against his advice it was voted not to pay District Deputies' expenses incurred in discharge of their duties or compensation in attending Grand Lodge. There was one case of insubordination and incipient rebellion brought to notice, but an apology tendered by proxy was accepted and the offenders let off much too easily, according to our thinking. New York treated a similar case more appropriately."

By a clerical or typographical error the City *Butte* was printed *Bath* in our last Review. We apologize—assuring our respected brethren however that "to go to Bath" in the literal and historic sense is no bad thing for some folks. Probably the "thistle" is not so common in Montana as in the Scotias (Nova et Antiqua) and the history of Prince Bladud and the swine may be less known there than on British territory.

Thanks for the well deserved compliment to our Grand Secretary.

Our R. W. Representative, Bro. J. S. Mendenhall, P. D. G. M., was to the fore, we are happy to record.

Lodges, 25. Members, 762.

Bro. Geo. W. Munroe, M. W. Grand Master, Bozeman.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges, R. W. Grand Secretary, Helena.

## NEBRASKA—1880.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska assembled in its twenty-third Annual Session at Omaha, June 22nd, 1880. M. W. Rolland H. Oakley, Grand Master, in the Chair.

The Grand Master's address refers in detail to numerous important matters; deals severely with the Masonic crime of drunkenness; considers the union in Manitoba to have been brought about by a questionable surrender of Masonic dignity on the part of some of the parties to it, and refers at length to several matters of importance demanding legislation.

An eloquent oration of Grand Orator, Bro. Henry S. Kaley, is published with the Proceedings; also a portrait of the late P. G. M., Frank Welch, which is an ornament to the book and exhibits a likeness of a gentleman whose death was a loss to Masonry.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit a brief report in which they say:

"The Grand Secretary has received during the year the Proceedings of all the American Grand Lodges and numerous foreign Grand Bodies. Owing to the fact that your Committee were appointed but a few days since, no review thereof has been possible; but your Committee are unanimously of opinion that there should be a review of the Proceedings of our sister Grand Bodies prepared and printed in our own Proceedings each year, for the benefit of our brethren that they may know what is done elsewhere. The benefits to be derived therefrom far exceed the cost, and we know of no better way to use our funds than a judicious expenditure of a portion thereof in disseminating information to the Craft at home."

Lodges, 66. Members, 3469.

M. W. James A. Tulleys, Grand Master.

R. W. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary (re-elected).

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## NEVADA—1880.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada commenced its sixteenth Annual Grand Communication at Masonic Hall in the City of Virginia June 18th, A. D., 1880. The M. W. DeWitt C. McKenney, Grand Master, in the chair, and a large attendance of Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives was present.

The Grand Master affectionately urges upon the Grand Lodge the importance of cultivating temperance, avoiding the vices of gaming, profanity and other evil habits, which diminish the influence of the institution and occasion so much harm to individuals. The decisions reported are few, but excellent. He thinks the Craft in his jurisdiction to be well governed and harmonious. The matter of improper balloting calls for some sensible observations. Masons should not cast a black ball for unmasonic reasons. He urges Masters of Lodges to endeavor to have an occasional hour spent, in open Lodge, in perusing the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, believing they would find the same interesting and profitable.

The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and of Special Committees, show the Craft in Nevada to be in a prosperous condition. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was cordially welcomed into the Fraternity of Grand Lodges.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Lodges in an able, impartial and pleasing manner. Nova Scotia is kindly reviewed, and copious quotations from the Committees report are made. The report closes with a poem entitled, "Greeting." We give the first verse :

"My brother of the Mystic Tie
  Wherever you abide,
On Nevada's mountains high,
  Or by the ocean's tide;
What'e'er your station, rank or fame,
  Where'er your native land,—
Because you bear a Masons name
  Here is a Mason's Hand!"

Thanks Brother Taylor. We greet you!

The digest of Masonic jurisprudence is a very useful and convenient compendium for reference by the Craft in Nevada or elsewhere.

Lodges, 21; Members, 1426.

Grand Master—M. W. DeWitt C. McKenney, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary—R. W. John D. Hammond, (re-elected.)

## NEW JERSEY—1881.

The "Proceedings" of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey comes to us adorned with an engraved portrait of M. W. Bro. W. S. Whitehead, P. G. M., a capital likeness of this distinguished brother, as we remember him on his visit to Nova Scotia a year or two ago.

The ninety-fourth Annual Grand Communication was held in the City of Trenton, January 19th and 20th, A. D. 1881, when *all* the Grand Officers were at their posts, there being present also eight District Deputies, six Past Grand Masters, six Past Deputies, several other Past G. Officers, thirty-four Representatives of other Grand Lodges, one hundred and seven Past Masters, and representatives from one hundred and forty-two subordinate Lodges. Verily there is Masonic life and vigor in New Jersey.

Grand Master Wallis presented an able, business-like address, from which we extract as follows:

"There are, probably, no officers to whom the Craft are under deeper obligations than the District Deputy Grand Masters. They maintain the standard work in its purity, and transmit it to the Lodges. The nature of their duties brings them into more intimate association with the Brethren than are any other officers. Without any compensation, except the consciousness of a valuable work faithfully performed, they undertake labors that few of us fully appreciate."

Application by a country Lodge for permission to receive the petition of a resident of a city must be made to only one Lodge in that city.

A trial is not necessary to authorize a suspension for non-payment of dues.

A communication from a Lodge, where both the name of the Secretary and the seal of the Lodge are printed, is irregular, and should not be received."

From the report of the Committee on Finance, we find the total of resources of Grand Lodge to be $10,228.87.

The report on Foreign Correspondence profitably occupies over 200 pages of the volume before us, in which our Proceedings for 1879 and 1880 are reviewed—quoting at some length from Grand Master Laurie's address.

In the review of Arkansas for 1879, we gain the following information:

*All* of the Lodges must be opened regularly up at the stated meetings.

At stated meetings, the Lodges must be opened up from the Entered Apprentice degree.

Again, under "Indian Territory—1879," we notice the following:

"*Question.*—At a called meeting should we simply open on the degree in which we wish to work, or should we open in all the degrees and resume labor in the one we wish to work?

"*Answer.*—It is not *necessary* to open in all the degrees. Those only in which you are to work are necessary to be opened"

Under "Kentucky," where "all work done in the absence of the Charter is illegal," we find the following statement:

"In New Jersey the Grand Master's presence legalizes work done in the absence of Charter (warrant)."

Under Massachusetts for 1879, the following from the Grand Master's address is quoted:

"Brethren, you cannot perhaps be too frequently reminded that under the American system the first three degrees contain everything that is of the most value in Masonry. Each of the other degrees may have its peculiar advantages; but they are, after all that may be said or done, more ornamental and pleasurable than useful."

Under "Michigan—1880," the following is quoted:

"A candidate, to entitle him to receive the degrees of Masonry, should be able to make all signs, take all steps and assume all positions with his natural limbs, in order that he may receive and impart instructions correctly."

M. W. Joseph W. Martin, Grand Master.

R. W. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW MEXICO—1881.

This young Lodge sends out a volume of 200 pages second to none in style or getting up.

The third Annual Communication began Jan. 17, in Las Vegas.

M. W. Grand Master, Wm. L. Rynerson, in the East. Lodges 6, increase of 2 since last year. Members 184, increase of 10 since last year, showing health, and not the growth of the "ill weed," which grows apace." It is best "to make haste slowly."

We have not yet exchanged Representatives with this Grand Lodge--it is to be hoped that this will soon be remedied.

Nova Scotia is kindly noticed in the Report on Foreign Correspondence, thus :

"May success and prosperity wait upon our loving brethren of Nova Scotia.

"The Grand Lodge of the little peninsula is now but fifteen years old, and yet in that short period sixty-nine chartered Lodges have grown into existence. This is an evidence of remarkable prosperity, and we congratulate our brethren of the Province on their more than satisfactory condition, and bid them God speed."

M. W. Grand Master, Simon B. Newcomb, Las Cruces.

R. W. Grand Secretary, David J. Miller, Santa Fe.

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## NORTH CAROLINA—1880.

The ninety-fourth Annual Communication began Dec. 7th. M. W. Grand Master, W. R. Cox, presiding. Our Representative R. W. Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., was in his place.

The Grand Master's address contains the following which cannot be too widely spread nor too seriously heeded:

"It is greatly to be feared that a serious misconception of the duties which Masons owe to each other sometimes exists among some members of the fraternity, and this gives rise among the outside world to an idea of Masonry which is at variance with its tenets and its principles. It may be broadly stated that no one can be a good Mason who fails in his duty as a citizen. Masonry acknowledges the supremacy of the law, and inculcates an earnest loyalty to the established government. It enjoins upon its votaries the paramount duty of conducting themselves as peaceable citizens. At an early period in the initiation, the candidate is truthfully assured that any obligation he may be called upon to take will not conflict with his duty to his country, and he is enjoined to live soberly, act discreetly and strictly to conform to the moral law. In the administration of justice, true Masonry can never conflict with law. A brother is not called upon to shield any criminal, even though the offender may have worn the white apron of innocence; but, on the contrary, Masonry inculcates a strict recognition of the duties he owes as a man to the society in which he lives. As a judge, a juror, a witness, he can recognize no distinctions between a brother and a profane. Should any other line of conduct prevail, the very foundations of our social system would be endangered, and the order would incur the just odium of every honest man."

The Oxford Orphan Asylum has revived from its languishing condition—*semper floreat!* On St. John's Day a lady read an appropriate poem prepared by herself. Like the great chevalier whose name she bears she must be "sans peur" as we know she is "sans reproche" —we are writing of Mrs. *Bagard* Clarke, the exquisite poetess of the Southern States.

The loss of R. W. Bro. P. W. Fanning, P. G. M., who has been a member of St. John's Lodge since 1822, gives a mourning character to the volume, and draws forth the sympathy and regrets of the writer, who takes the liberty of tendering similar sentiments to North Carolina Masons—on behalf of the Craft on this "little Peninsula."

The reviews prepared by Committee on Foreign Correspondence are omitted, on account of unavoidable circumstances which delayed the publication of proceedings—we greatly regret this: Bro. Gray's reviews are worth reading always—but he led us to expect a greater treat than usual as he says he has been aided by a brother whose pen not only has great vigor, but equal polish, Bro. J. C. L. Harris.

The Committee on Publication must try to make circumstances avoidable another time.

Lodges at work, 221. Members, 6432. Masons, 8199.

M. W. Henry F. Grainger, Grand Master, Goldsboro'.

R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary, Raleigh.

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## OHIO—1880.

A good steel engraving of "David Putnam, 1808," forms the frontispiece—it is evidently a strong likeness. Bro. Putnam was the first Grand Secretary elect, but never served the office.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Columbus, Octr. 19, 1880, the M.W. Grand Master, R. C. Lemmon, on the throne.

Grand Secretary Caldwell is our Representative, and was present; but may not questions arise between California Grand Lodge and ourselves? If so whether of the twain will Brother Caldwell represent?

The Grand Master's address is full and able. He reports a correspondence arising out of the following letter:

BLADENSBURG, Knox County, Ohio, Jany. 30, 1880.

M. W. GRAND MASTER—Dear Sir and Brother: A brother of our Order, and member of our Lodge, is frequently in the habit of boasting that he is an infidel, ridiculing the Bible, etc., in mixed companies. A few days ago he boasted, in presence of several Masons and others, that he was an infidel of the Bob Ingersoll stripe. The course of the brother is exciting considerable comment here among those who are unfriendly to Masonry, and is likely to do us injury with those who are disposed to be friendly, and to bring the Order into disrepute. What do you advise us to do in the matter?

A. C. SCOTT, P. M.

This subject was referred to a Special Committee, from whose report we extract:

"It was asked by a respectable Lodge, whether 'the denying the divine authenticity of the Holy Bible be an offense against the institution of Masonry; and, if so, what are the prerogatives of the Lodge in such cases? While it is most true that Masonry is not sectarian in its character, and that the established rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge positively inhibit all religious tests as a pre-requisite to initiation, save only the acknowledgment of 'a steadfast belief in the existence and perfection of Deity,' it is equally true that, were it possible to wrest from the 'first great light' in Masonry its attribute of divine authenticity, the very act would overwhelm the Order with a visible and tangible darkness equaled only by that which existed ere 'the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.' It is impossible to despoil our great moral and Masonic trestle-board of its distinctive characteristic, without at the same time rifling the work of our Lodges, our charges, and our lectures of every conservative and life-giving principle. If the Bible be not, indeed, an emanation from Deity, then is Freemasonry an empty cheat; and those who minister at her altars accessories to fraud and vile delusion. True, we have among us no Lodges exclusively Christian, for the reason that Masonry dates anterior to the Christian era, and because her charity is sufficiently expansive to embrace within its ample folds, in fraternal unison, the good and true of whatever name or nation. While, therefore, Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges to those two eminent and sainted Christian patrons who are always represented in every regular and well-governed Lodge by most attractive and peculiar hieroglyphics, our Jewish brethren may at the same time, without let or hindrance, and without the remotest cause of offense to any, still commemorate in their Lodges him whose name is the synonym of Wisdom, and whose virtues are embalmed alike in the hearts of all good Masons, whether Christians or the lineal descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. But surely it could not have been the purpose of those great and good men of old, in laying thus broad the foundations of our Order, to provide in it a covert for the deriding infidel, or any asylum for the dissembling hypo-

crite. And if, by any means, such have found their way into our midst, it is the first duty of the Lodge so invoked, by well doing, to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, and to teach them that, though free, they may not use their liberty for a cloak of licentiousness. And if, thus admonished, they refuse to be restrained, let them be regarded as walking disorderly, and not after the tradition they have received of us. And if any mn obey not our word, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."

M. W. R. C. Lemmon, Toledo, Grand Master (re-elected.)

R. W. J. D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 523 ; Members, 28,387.

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## OREGON—1880.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon met in Portland, June 14, A. D. 1880 ; M. W. Bro. R. P. Earhart, G. M., presiding.

From the Grand Master's able address we make the extracts following :

"At no time in the history of our State has Masonry stood higher in the minds of Masons than at the present. From one end of the jurisdiction to the other, we hear of one entire voice in condemnation of the vices of gambling and drunkenness. No longer are these evils winked at. If a Mason has made a vow, let him stand by that vow, and the true and faithful will stand by him."

"The name of a Mason is like an outward garment. It may look well and pleasing to the eye, but it may cover the very opposite of what the name imports. The name is really nothing but the sign over the door. The tenant within, the principles that govern, is the body and soul after all. A man who is a Mason in his inmost soul, is seldom, if ever, a subject of discipline or grievance. Brethren can remember this fact who cannot retain the lessons received, nor promises made by them, at the dawn of their masonic life."

"6th. A Worshipful Master is amenable to the Grand Lodge for his acts during his term of office only. When his official term has expired and he has ceased to be master, he is amenable to the Lodge for misdemeanor or unmasonic conduct, and can be tried by his Lodge, though the acts complained of occurred while he was Master.

"7th. That the retail traffic in intoxicating liquors is demoralizing in its tendency and is a masonic offence within the meaning of Section 1 of the Penal Code adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that a brother engaging in such occupation is liable to discipline."

"Draw nearer to the poor, the sick and the dying. Promote every good interest, and remove every temptation from the erring. Visit the orphan and do good to all. If we may use a figure, place a brick in every material edifice,

and have kind words and charity for every one. This, brethren, should be our work, and thus may we erect a masonic temple among men which the ravages of time cannot destroy."

We are sorry to be omitted from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which is very well done, brother J. F. Chadwick being the chairman.

Lodges, 62. Members, 2656.

M. W. R. P. Earhart, Grand Master, (re-elected,) Salem.

R. W. F. J. Babcock, Grand Secretary, Salem.

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## PENNSYLVANIA—1880.

The book of "Proceedings" is garnished with an engraving of the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It includes also extracts from the quarterly and annual Grand Communications of 1880. The last named was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, Bro. M. Nisbet, R. W. Grand Master, on the throne.

Nova Scotia is fully and kindly noticed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Our lamented Grand Master Crowe was then our chairman, and R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Wainwright was associated with us. The one is now in well earned REST; the other is in a distant sphere of labor—Honolulu.

Brother Vaux kindly says :

"The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by R. Worshipful Brother A. H. Crowe. It seems, from the opening line of the conclusion of the report, 'in closing this report, I have *again* to apologize for not having performed any portion of the labor of preparing it.' We deeply regret to see the cause assigned is Brother Crowe's ill health. Brothers the 'Rev. D. C. Moore and the Rev. Richard Wainwright, have had nearly all the work to do,' Brother Crowe remarks. He gives them the credit, and we acknowledge the obligations we are under to them for their by no means uninteresting report."

We are much gratified to find the following approval also :

"We notice a report from a Grand Lodge Committee on the incorporation of Subordinate Lodges, and rejecting the idea that the incorporation by the law of the land, of Lodges of Freemasons is to be favored. We heartily commend the principles of this report. It is un-Masonic in every sense, violative of the safety, security and independence of the Craft to permit Lodges to hold their authority or exercise any Masonic function, except by, on and through the

sovereign power of the Grand Lodge. We desire to express our thanks to Brother William F. MacCoy, Chairman of this Special Committee, for his clear exposition of the true Masonic doctrine on this subject."

Lodges, 554 ; Members, 34,978.
M. W. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master.
R. W. Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary.

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With the Proceedings, we have received Part III. of the Early History, &c., from A. L. 5730, which is enriched by steel engraved portraits of Wm. Smith, D.D., first Provost of the College of Philadelphia (from the original by Benjamin West, sometimes erroneously styled *Sir* Benjamin), and John Thornton, R. W. G. Secretary, and Grand Master during 5860 and 5861. There is also a phototype of Freemasons' Hall, torn down Jan. 30th, 1880, at the dedication of which (Dec. 27, 1802), the above named Dr. W. Smith, P. G. C. and P. G. Secy., with the concurrence of the Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer "he had composed appropriate to the day."

Among the items contained is a long account, in mourning, of the proceedings on the occasion of the death "of our late illustrious brother General George Washington," and some Communications from the Grand Lodges of Canada—those from Lower Canada bearing the Royal name of "Edward," Grand Master, viz., the father of our beloved Sovereign and grandfather of the M. W. G. M. of England. The work is excellently printed on first rate paper, and costs $1.

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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1880.

A very well printed little pamphlet of 74 pages comes from the "right little, tight little Island," and like that productive Province, it contains a good deal that is valuable.

(1.) The Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Communication 17th Decr., 1879. (2.) Minutes of the Board of General Purposes, 31st March to 24th June, 1880.

The fifth Annual Communication was held 24th June, A. D., 1880, the M. W. John Yeo, Grand Master, presided, and R. W. Wilson Higgs our Representative was in his place.

The Grand Master's address is able. The following decisions were made :

"1st. A brother who has been indefinitely suspended can be restored to membership by a majority vote of the Lodge at any regular communication, notice having been given at a previous regular communication that a motion to that effect would be made."

"2nd. The friends of a brother whe died while under suspension for non-payment of dues cannot by paying his dues entitle him to masonic burial."

But we think our M. W. Brother is needlessly tender about suspensions for non-payment of dues—payment *ipso facto* restoring the brother to all the rights and privileges of masonry—while it is hard on a lodge to pay Grand Lodge dues for say 100 members—50 of whom may be more or less in arrears.

Lodges, 12 ; Members, 530.

M. W. Grand Master—John Yeo.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Geo. W. Wakeford.

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## QUEBEC—1880.

This, though containing fewer pages, contains as much of interest as any Proceedings under our review.

The eleventh Annual Communication was held in Montreal, 22nd Sep., 1880.

M. W. John H. Graham, LL. D., Grand Master, on the Throne. Our Representative is not named as present.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain (Rev. J. Scrimger) delivered an address, from which we take the following, on the Holy Writings :

"If we make it understood that he who would be held in honor among us, must be known as a diligent student of the Bible, we should soon cease to attract much of the undesirable material that now seems only too readily to find its way into the fraternity.

"But still further, masons ought to use the volume of the sacred law as the rule by which they fix their creed. It is the standard of truth as well as of right. Freemasonry imposes no creed upon its members beyond the simple belief in the existence of God; and this is one of the sources of its strength whereby it is enabled to embrace within its ranks those holding creeds widely differing from each other in their articles, on the basis of charity and mutual forbearance. But it does not encourage the idea that a man may as well have no beliefs, or that it is a matter of indifference what creed he may hold. On the contrary it

places in his hand a book for his study, which certainly presents a number of truths for his acceptance, and presents them with a claim to be authoritative. He cannot give that book the honor it deserves without being bound to accept its teachings; and while masonry does not prescribe to him the particular form in which he shall hold its teachings, it expects him to make up his mind in some decided way, and give its highest regard to him who, having made up his mind, holds manfully to his views so long as he holds them charitably and with due respect to the liberty of his neighbor's conscience. To make masonic charity the excuse for religious indifferentism, as some seem disposed to do, is a perversion of the spirit of the institution which should be carefully avoided—a perversion which has been too common indeed, but one which if allowed to go unchecked will most assuredly sooner or later drive all earnest minded men of strong convictions from the fraternity, and leave it to become the resort of the sceptic and the agnostic. Should this ever come to pass then certainly its glory will have departed. But I am convinced that it will never come to pass if the volume of the sacred law receives that place in the thoughts of the individual members which is accorded to it in the ritual and precepts of the craft."

There is a portrait of the W. M. Grand Master attached to the pamphlet—we have no doubt he is a good-looking man—but either the engraver or the printer has tried hard to conceal the fact. The counterfeit presentments of our brethren are most agreeable to receive —when well executed!

Speaking of the union of Craft and R. A. Masons in processions, the Grand Master says:

"If the becoming and successful performance of such public duties is of advantage to one portion of the Craft, why may not the other inter-related and cognate portion be made sharers of such labours and privileges, and hence better promote the general welfare?

"I observed, also, that at the laying of the foundation stone of a public building in Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the past year, on the invitation of the Grand Master, the Craft and Royal Arch Masons joined in the processsion, to the general acceptance of the Brethren there.

"The union of the Craft and Capitular Masons on all such public occasions appears also to be the general rule in the United States of America.

"It seems to me to be desirable, therefore, to follow the same practice in our jurisdiction."

A Special Communication was held at Frelighsburg, 8th June, 1880, where, being joined by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, &c., &c., the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the Memorial Church of Bishop Stewart. Rector Davidson said:

"Will you, therefore, in due order, extend your impressive rites to the

great work which we have in hand, and in accordance with the ancient customs and usuages of your honourable Fraternity, lay the under foundation stone for the reception of our historical records and those of your honorable Craft." We think that it is no slight bond of sympathy between us, that if we venerate the memory of a Bishop of the Church of God, you have been the recipients from him of a volume of the Sacred Law, which, in your careful preservation, is becoming a remembrance of historical interest and of the large sympathies of that laborer in every field of philantropy, whom we regard as among the best of men."

Bishop Charles James Stewart—brother of the Earl of Salisbury—is not unknown in Nova Scotia. He was the first Bishop who ever officiated in the first Church of England in Pictou, which was called "St. James," the idea of that dedication being taken from the Bishop's second Christian name.

Grand Master, M. W. John H. Graham, LL. D., Grand Master, (re-elected), Richmond.

Grand Secretary, R. W. John H. Isaacson, Montreal.

Lodges, 64. Brethren, 2343.

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## RHODE ISLAND—1880.

The ninetieth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was opened in ample form at Masons' Hall, Providence, R. I. on Monday, May 17th, A. D., 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present—M. W. Edward L. Freeman, Grand Master of Masons, and other officers and members of that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reports the total receipts for the past year as $1607.61, and expenditure $2073.42.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is quite brief—the Committee by the terms of the Constitution not being expected to review the proceedings or report upon the doings of the various Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge sustains official relations.

Cuba, Manitoba, Quebec, Louisiana, France and Continental Masonry receive special notice on account of differences and questions relating to their harmony and legitimacy being under consideration.

The Union in Cuba is cordially recognised; the termination of differences in Manitoba is hailed with satisfaction; the attitude of

Quebec in its contention with Scotland is endorsed, and suitable reflections are offered upon the subjects at issue in the other jurisdictions named.

The Grand Master's able address alludes among other important matters to the death of three of the eldest members of the Grand Lodge—A. M. Read, P.M., Thos. A. Paine, P.M., and C. M. Nestell, P. M., Past Grand Lecturer. The Grand Master's reflections and suggestions on all the subjects that came before him are valuable and interesting—as are also the reports of the five District Deputies.

M. W. Edward L. Freeman, G. M., (re-elected.)

R. W. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

A fine portrait of an eminent Mason, Thomas Smith Webb, Past Grand Master, who died in 1819, forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings of Rhode Island for 1880.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA—1880.

These Proceedings include four Special Communications, as well as the 104th Annual Communication, held in Charleston, Dec. 14th, 1880, at all of which M. W. Bro. Augustine T. Smythe, Grand Master, presided. Special Communications were called. 1. To lay the corner-stone of the monument to be erected on the battle-field of King's Mountain. 2. For dedicating the new Hall of Recovery Lodge, No. 31. 3. Laying the corner-stone of the new Hall of the South Carolina Agricultural Society. 4. Laying the corner-stone of the monument in honor of the centennial of the battle of Cowpens.

Our representative, W. Bro. Geo. D. Bryan was present at the Annual Communication. It does not appear that we have as yet received a Representative near the G. L. of Nova Scotia, although a brother—A. T. Stewart, Halifax—is acknowledged (?).

The Grand Master's address is *masterly*, but it applies chiefly to local matters.

A good report on Correspondence was handed in by R. W. Bro. Inglesby, Grand Secretary, in which Nova Scotia is fraternally noticed.

Lodges, 207 ; Members, 5,946.

M. W. Grand Master—James F. Izlar, Orangeburg.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles Inglesby, Charleston.

## TENNESSEE—1880.

The 75th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Nashville, 8th Novr., 1880, M. W. Bro. Wilbur F. Foster, Grand Master, on the Throne.

Our Representative, R. W. Geo. S. Blackie, was in his place, but as he represents 14 other Grand Lodges and two Grand Orients, it is somewhat difficult to compute the exact amount of our representation !

We believe in representation being a reality. W. Brother Richard L. Black has not to bear any other Lodge on his good broad shoulders than *Tennessee* in our Grand Lodge.

Here is a good idea from the Grand Master's address :

" Believing that the time consumed in the exemplification of work, and the delivery of the lectures of the three degrees, would be most profitably employed, and that a large majority of the brethren present would be interested and pleased with such an arrangement, I have obtained the consent of Bro. B. F. Maller, W. M. of South Memphis Lodge, No. 118, to confer the First and Second Degrees in this Hall, commencing promptly at seven o'clock to-night. I had also intended that the work of the Third Degree should be exemplified on Wednesday night. I have failed, however, in obtaining the consent of the brethren with whom I have corresponded, to assume that duty. Yet, if the Grand Lodge desires such exemplification, I will myself, with the assistance of my brethren of Nashville, endeavor to meet their wishes."

The Proceedings of our 15th Annual Communication do not seem to have reached Tennessee. The Proceedings of the 14th are fraternally noticed. We accept most cordially the apology for the absence of Bro. Frizzell's name as our Representative.

Lodges, 511 ; Members, 16,217.

Grand Master—M. W. Jno. T. Iron, Paris.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Jno. Frizzell, Nashville.

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## TEXAS—1880.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge form quite a tome—450 pages !

The 45th Annual Communication was held in Houston, Dec. 9th, 1880, M. W. Grand Master E. G. Bower. The Grand Secretary—

who is our Representative—was in his place, R. W. Bro. G. H Bringhurst.

The following decisions are worthy of attention :

"1. I decided that the consent of the Grand Lodge must be obtained previous to a sale of real estate by a Subordinate Lodge.

"6. A Lodge received a petition for initiation at a stated communication, and it was referred to an appropriate committee. Before the next stated communication the applicant moved out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge and into that of another. Question: Did the first Lodge by the acts of receiving and referring the petition, acquire such jurisdiction as would authorize it to proceed and complete the work—neither the Lodge nor the applicant anticipating his removal at the time of receiving and referring the petition? Answered affirmatively.

"7. Some three years ago, ——— was rejected by No. 174, in whose jurisdiction he resided, by 7 B. Bs. About two years afterwards he applied to No. 403, and was elected and initiated an E. A. without a waiver of jurisdiction having been obtained from, or the knowledge of No. 174. The applicant having applied to No. 174 for advancement, the question was, whether a waiver of jurisdiction by No. 403 was necessary. Answered in the negative: that No. 403 had acquired no jurisdiction by its illegal act, nor had the original jurisdiction of No. 174 over the applicant been ousted thereby.

"8. An E. A. who had been elected to receive the F. C. Degree was a victim of a railroad accident, resulting in the partial stiffness of the hip, but it was thought he could be "placed in position." I decided that he could not be advanced; I think I should have added, "while in that condition," as I have since learned that he had a fair prospect of perfect recovery."

Nearly two pages in the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence are devoted to Nova Scotia (1879), and praise is given to Bro. Curren's views on "non-affiliation and its cause," and an extract is made from D. D. G. M. Robinson's report with regard to the sobriety of Kentville Lodge—"nothing of an intoxicating nature being allowed at their supper."

Lodges, 527; Members, 17,055.

Grand Master—M. W. J. H. McCleary, Austin.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Geo. H. Bringhurst, Houston.

## UTAH—1881.

This book contains the Proceedings of three Communications.

1. A Special Communication to lay the corner stone of the new St. Paul's Chapel for the Protestant Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, May 3rd, 1880.

2. The ninth Annual Communication Novr. 9th, 1880.

3. The tenth Annual Communication Jany. 18th, 1881. At the first M. W. Frank Tilford, Grand Master, presided.

"The procession moved to St. Mark's Cathedral, where the Grand Master received from the church authorities a casket containing various Church and Masonic publications, copies of all the newspapers of this city, coins and other articles to be deposited in the corner-stone, which he gave into the custody of the Grand Treasurer, Samuel Kahn. Arriving at the site of the chapel, on the corner of East Temple and Fourth South streets, after a pleasant march through various streets, the Grand Lodge occupied eligible seats upon the platform, and the Grand Master called the Craft and audience to order.

The corner stone was then laid with the impressive ceremonies used by Masons, and it having been announced by the Grand Master to be true and square work, the church choir sung the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," which was followed with a prayer by Grand Chaplain John S. Scott."

We quote the following from the Grand Master's address:

"Our Brotherhood operating in lodges of labor, and extending through all lands, builded many of the noblest structures of the middle ages. Free Masonry was in those days of violence the ally of religion and assisted the Church to represent in forms of enduring beauty and grandeur the sublime hopes of the soul aspiring to God and immortal life. Free Masonry, however, achieved its grandest triumph when organized and directed by the wisdom of Israel's King, it erected the first temple on the sacred mount. No discordant sound of metal was heard at its walls, towers and pinnacles arose into the air like an embodied dream of loveliness. During seven years the work continued beneath the cloudless skies of Palestine. When at length the purple glories of departing day were reflected from its dome, he who beheld that vision might well exclaim:

"A star is trembling on the horizon's verge;
That star shall glow and broaden on the night
Until it hangs divine and beautiful
In the proud zenith."

At the Second Communication reported R. W. P. H. Emerson was on the Throne. Our Representative was present; and at the 3rd the

same M. W. Brother (who had been elected meantime to be Grand Master) also presided ; but here we miss our Representative's name.

Nova Scotia receives kindly notice in the Report on Correspondence, and the election of the late lamented Chairman of this Committee to be Grand Master is noticed.

We sincerely wish all success to the Grand Lodge of Utah in its arduous work of maintaining true Masonic principles in the State.

Lodges, 7 ; Members, 398.

M. W. P. H. Emerson, Grand Master, Ogden.

R. W. C. Diehl, Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City.

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## VERMONT—1880.

Loyally "blue" is the book from the Green Mountain State, and containing no less than 373 pages, of which 151 are given to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, a most able document.

The 88th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Burlington, 9th June, 1880, M. W. Lavant M. Read, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

The following from the Grand Master's address is well worthy of notice—we purposely omit the name :

"I have heard various rumors during the past year to the effect that in some localities a work is being used, and that from it newly admitted brethren are receiving instruction ; but although I have made diligent inquiry, I have been unable to learn just where, or by whom, it is being used. This work has been strictly prohibited by this Grand Lodge. It is not the work of this jurisdiction, and is dangerous in many respects. Whoever uses it subjects himself to strict masonic discipline, and should be dealt with. Whoever is using it—and I have good reason to believe it is being used—is using it surreptitiously and with a knowledge that its use is prohibited. I sincerely hope that from this time forth there will be no occasion for further admonition upon this subject."

The notice of Nova Scotia by the Foreign Correspondence Committee is for 1878 (!) ; it is short and business-like.

Lodges, 101 ; Members, 8,518.

Grand Master—M. W. Lavant M. Read, Bellows Falls.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Wm. H. Root, Burlington.

## VIRGINIA—1880.

The 103rd Grand Annual Communication was held in Richmond, Dec. 13, 1880, M. W. Peyton S. Coles, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Our Representative, R. W. Bro. Spottiswood, does not appear to have been present.

The Grand Master's address contains strong opinions on "Incorporation of Lodges," and rejoices that, except in two instances, "as soon as the attention of the applicants for acts of incorporation was called to the law on the subject, their petitions were promptly withdrawn."

In the Foreign Correspondence, Nova Scotia is fraternally noticed as regards our Proceedings of 1879, but not those of 1880, and by no means unreasonable exception is taken to Sec. 9 Chap. II. of our Constitution :

"'Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.'

"We do not object to the penalty, but sorry that there should be a Grand Lodge in the world in need of such a law."

It *does* seem a subject of regret that such words should stand in our Constitution—we feel sure they are not at all necessary, and never were so. We thank Bro. Drinkard for his welcome as clerics.

Lodges, 229 ; Members, 8,889.

Grand Master (re-elected)—M. W. P. S. Coles.

Grand Secretary (re-elected)—R. W. Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.

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## WEST VIRGINIA—1880.

Three Special Communications of Grand Lodge are reported.

1. To dedicate the Lodge at Fairmont.
2. At Ceredo to lay the corner stone of the Methodist Church.
3. At Moundsville to lay the corner stone of Marshall Union Lodge Building.

The M. W. Grand Master was not present at any of these. Bros. O. S. Long, J. M. Plymale and J. V. L. Rodgers representing him on the respective occasions.

The 16th Grand Annual Communication was held at Wheeling 9th Novr., 1880, M. W. John W. Arbuckle, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

We do not appear to have named a Representative to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made the following decisions, *inter alia :*

"1. Would it be detrimental to Masonry to admit a man in the retail liquor business whose private and moral character is good ?

Answer—No. The moral character of an applicant for the mysteries of Masonry, and not his business or trade, is the test of qualification."

"4. Where a petition is ballotted upon, is the candidate elected to all three degrees, or simply to be initiated ?

Answer—Upon his moral qualifications he is elected to all three; but a ballot upon his proficiency must be taken before the conferring of each degree.

Lodges, 78 ; Members, 3415.

M. W. C. J. Faulkner, jr., Grand Master.

R. W. O. S. Long, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

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## WASHINGTON TERRITORY—1880.

The 23rd Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington was held in Olympia, June 2, A. D. 1880, R. W. D. G. M. McMicken presiding.

Our Representative, Bro. E. Evans, is not reported present.

The address of Grand Master Lacy was read by the Grand Secretary. It is business-like. We extract the following decision, and can only wonder the question was asked :

"*Question:* Can a Lodge, called off on Saturday night, resume labor and confer a Degree on the following day ?

"*Answer:* No. Our Statutes prohibit any Masonic labor on Sunday, except the burial of a Mason."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief. It says :

"It is not the purpose of your Committee at this time to tax the patience (or finances) of Grand Lodge with a long report, nor to present a detailed review of the proceedings received, in the usual 'reportorial' order. We can only refer, and that quite briefly, to a few matters and questions seemingly of special interest and importance to the Fraternity."

And nearly nine pages are taken up with "A LITTLE UNPLEASANTNESS," viz., the New York and Connecticut trouble!!

Lodges, 35; Members, 1,089.

M. W. Grand Master—Bro. Louis Sohns, Vancouver.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Bro. T. M. Reed, Olympia.

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## WISCONSIN—1880.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin met in Annual Communication June 8th, A. D., 1880, at Milwaukee, M. W. Chas. F. G. Collins, Grand Master, presiding, but was called from labor to refreshment until June 15th, on account of a reunion of soldiers and sailors in the city, which made it impossible to transact Grand Lodge business on the former day. A Special Communication had been convened June 29th, 5879, to lay the corner stone of the new Hospital at the Sailors' Home, which was done by the Grand Master. It is good for Masons to be thus employed, and this the Grand Master acknowledged in the following words:

"The Grand Lodge to-day takes especial pleasure in participating in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of this hospital—to be a refuge, and place of cure, rest and healing, of the men who become wounded, maimed, wearied and disabled in defense of country; and as to whom a grateful nation remembers all their wounds, their weariness and their disability suffered for it, and so far as it or mortal resource may do, will do all that may be done for relief, comfort or assuagement of pain, sickness or suffering."

The Grand Master's address in Annual Communication has this passage on Trial, which we commend to our brethren:

"In case of a Masonic trial, after the evidence is in and the case submitted, the accuser and accused have retired, I do not understand that anything is in order, except voting upon the question of guilt and penalty, as prescribed by the Constitution. I cannot see how anything like a discussion of the merits of the case could result in good, and it might take such shape, if permitted, as to cause needless bitterness and ill-feeling."

Our Grand Representative, Brother J. Watts, was in his place. Why have we no Representative of Wisconsin in our Grand Lodge? We can find no Report on Foreign Correspondence, but hope better things for this year from Bro. Jno. W. Woodhull, the Committee on Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master—E. E. Chapin, Columbus.

R. W. Grand Secretary—J. W. Woodhull, Milwaukee.

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## WYOMING—1880.

A yellow (?) covered pamphlet of 45 pages comes to us from Wyoming. In these pages are included the names of every member of every Lodge—yes, even the Entered Apprentices! the Constitution and the "By-Laws pertaining to Lodges," &c., &c. It is indeed "*Multum in Parvo.*"

The 6th Annual Communication was held at Cheyenne, on the 12th Oct., 1880. M. W. James H. Hayford, Grand Master, in the East.

We do not see the name of R. W. Orlando North, as representing Nova Scotia.

There is a tone of depression in the Grand Secretary's Report, which we are sorry to observe :

"I confess that my expectations concerning our growth have not been realized; much less work has been done than was accomplished a year ago, and but three members have been added to our roll. This seems to me hardly in keeping with the general prosperity and increased population of our Territory, and your careful attention and consideration is solicited to point out the cause of this apparent standstill, and suggest a remedy.

"Death, with his icy and merciless hand, has torn from our midst five of our friends and Brothers. Their places are vacant and can never again be filled; but with Masons' hope and faith we feel that they have entered the realms of eternity to enjoy everlasting refreshment offered by the 'Grand Master' above."

The Grand Master's address was *extempore*, and is therefore not printed.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 5; Members, 342.

Bro. Frank M. Foote, M. W. Grand Master, Evanstown.

Bro. Wm. G. Tonn, R. W. Grand Secretary, Evanstown.

## CONCLUSION.

In presenting this Report, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have to regret the loss of one of their triumvirate, R. W. and Rev. Bro. Wainwright, who has left this jurisdiction, and gone to represent the principles of our Craft, as he is so well able, in Honolulu.

When the writer reflects upon the number of able Reports on Foreign Correspondence which he has had to peruse, he feels keenly his own inability to make the Report from Nova Scotia equal to many of those issued by sister Grand Lodges; indeed, but for brilliant flashes emitted by brother "Flint"—his learned remaining colleague—this would be a document sadly lacking in "*light.*"

DAVID C. MOORE,
*Chairman.*

# SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ON THE

# FINANCES OF GRAND LODGE.

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In accordance with the intimation made in the Financial Report of the Executive Officers of Grand Lodge (see page 63 of this Report), they submit the following additional information, corrected as nearly as possible up to this date.

1st. Of the amounts there stated (see page 60) as "fees and dues owing Grand Lodge"—

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| No. 17, Keith, has paid full amount..... | $ 33.50 |
| " 59, Manitoba, " " amount due..... | 21.25 |
| | $ 54.75 |
| Leaving unpaid at this date..... | 211.89 |

2nd. Of the amounts "Lodges, &c., rents due," (see page 60)—

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|---|---|
| No. 1, St. Andrew's, has paid in full..... | $129.00 |
| 2, St. John's, " " part..... | 100.00 |
| 14, Acadia, " " " ..... | 31.00 |
| 15, Athole, " " in full ..... | 62.50 |
| 17, Keith, " " " ..... | 62.50 |
| 18, Union, " " " ..... | 62.50 |
| 38, Lodge of St. Mark, " part..... | 30.00 |
| Royal Standard, " in full..... | 63.50 |
| Royal Union Chap. " " ..... | 62.50 |
| St. Andrew's " " " ..... | 62.50 |
| | $666.00 |
| Leaving unpaid..... | 179.50 |

3rd. Of the Liabilities (page 61), the undermentioned for Representatives' Expenses have been generously remitted, viz. :—

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| No. 11, New Caledonia, (corrected) | $22.00 |
| 13, Acadia | 23.00 |
| 23, Keith, (corrected) | 20.00 |
| 28, Scotia, (one year) | 9.50 |
| 42, Eureka, (corrected) | 9.81 |
| 50, Western Star | 17.00 |
| 52, Harmony | 16.00 |
| 58, Kentville | 17.00 |
| 63, Corinthian | 8.00 |
| 68, Curren, (one year) | 8.00 |
| 69, Charity, " | 12.00 |
| 70, Laurie, " | 8.72 |
| | $171.03 |
| Other amounts acknowledged, page 63 | 152.25 |
| | $323.28 |

Leaving about $560 of the amounts under the heading "Approximate Representatives' Expenses," on page 61.

4th. Some Lodges have very generously and liberally responded to the appeal for help contained in the Report of 27th June, as follows :—

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|---|---|
| No. 3, Virgin | $100.00 |
| 10, Burns | 100.00 |
| 19, Royal Albert | 20.00 |
| 26, Welsford | 66.75 |
| 38, Lodge of St. Mark | 50.00 |
| 42, Eureka | 10.00 |
| Total cash contributions | $346.75 |

The Executive Officers are still hopeful that other Lodges, not yet heard from in reply to the appeal referred to, will, during the ensuing few months, contribute to assist in placing our finances in a more satisfactory position before the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Of the deficiency, viz., $974.23, according to the report of 27th June, the foregoing statements give us a deduction of about $650, leaving say $325 to be provided in some way to square Grand Lodge accounts at the end of next May.

We cannot but refer to another very important feature of the situation. It is, that the amounts due Grand Lodge for dues, fees and rents should be paid in time to meet the purposes for which they are intended and required. The several amounts due last June were needed some months ago to meet claims long overdue. Indeed, several of the liabilities at the 1st June, other than Representatives' expenses, remain still unpaid. Also, several items of running expenses maturing since 1st of June; for instance,—interest, gas, fuel, printing, &c., are not even paid in part. And the simple reason is, because Lodges do not pay over the funds which are intended and relied on for these objects.

Those, therefore, on whom rests the responsibility of a situation unjust to our creditors and unbecoming the Craft, should make a special effort to have their indebtedness liquidated at once.

It is to be greatly regretted that Lodges allow occasion for any such remarks; but when the occasion is so strong as in the present cases, it becomes a duty, however unpleasant, as it is in this instance, to point out plainly what is required, and urge immediate action and amendment. It is not our province to say more than this at present, nor would it become us to say less on so vital and important a matter. We will trust and hope, however, that our words of fraternal counsel and advice will not be neglected and thrown aside without any good results.

A much more pleasing occupation is that of acknowledging the course pursued by those who have come forward with a generous and helping hand in the time of difficulty. To those who have paid up the amount due, we tender our acknowledgments and thanks. These have done what was their duty to do, and their payments have been of great assistance during the summer.

To those who have responded by remitting the amount of Representatives' expenses, we are very grateful, as it so much lifted from the burden which so greatly presses on us.

To those six liberal and generous Lodges who have responded with a cash contribution of nearly $350, we cannot suitably express our thankfulness, but trust to have an appropriate acknowledgment made when the Craft next assembles at its Annual Communication, not forgetting, at present, to particularly mention the fact that three

at least of these Lodges raised their donation by an individual special collection,—these were Nos. 19, 26 and 38.

And now we close this our Supplementary Report, still hoping that our sister Lodges in the Jurisdiction who have not yet responded in any manner to our earnest appeal will still arouse themselves and consider the subject. It is one that requires effort. The situation is exceedingly critical. But not nearly so critical as the position of Freemasonry has been many times and in many places before our day. Yet the united efforts of probably but a few earnest and zealous brethren have faced the crisis, and troubles have ceased, and the Craft has again had quietness and peace. There are plenty in numbers and plenty in means and ability to lead us over and through the unfortunate dilemma which surrounds us. But all should assist, and we again commend the subject to the earnest and favorable consideration of those Lodges and brethren who have not yet favorably responded to our former appeal, still trusting to have some help, however small, as an evidence, at least, that there is a sympathetic and fraternal feeling prevailing amongst the members of the Order of Freemasonry throughout the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

The issue of the Proceedings for this year has been delayed till the present month (December) in order that Lodges should have ample time afforded them to respond to the Circular sent out in the month of June last.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. TAYLOR, Grand Master,
*Chairman of the Executive of the Grand Lodge.*

Dec. 24th, 1881.

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OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL

# GRAND LODGE

OF

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OF

# NOVA SCOTIA,

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# GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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## ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, JUNE 7th, 1882.

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| M.W. | J. WIMBURN LAURIE | GRAND MASTER | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | REV. D. C. MOORE | DEPUTY G. MASTER | *Stellarton.* |
| R.W. | D. C. FRASER, B.A. | SENIOR G. WARDEN | *New Glasgow.* |
| R.W. | SAMUEL PORTER | JUNIOR G. WARDEN | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | JAMES DEMPSTER | GRAND TREASURER | " |
| R.W. | BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L. | GRAND SECRETARY | " |
| R.W. | WILLIAM V. MURRAY | GRAND LECTURER | " |
| R.W. | REV. G. TOWNSHEND, M.A. | GRAND CHAPLAINS | *Amherst.* |
| R.W. | REV. R. AVERY, M.A. | | *Aylesford.* |
| R.W. | REV. H. D. de BLOIS, B.A. | | *Annapolis.* |
| R.W. | REV. J. D. H. BROWNE | | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | REV. C. CHURCHWARD | | *Lockeport.* |
| R.W. | REV. GEO. DODWELL, M.A. | | *Middleton.* |
| V.W. | B. H. LANDIS | SENIOR G. DEACON | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | C. F. COCHRAN | JUNIOR G. DEACON | *Kentville.* |
| V.W. | S. M. BROOKFIELD | G. SUPT. OF WORKS | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | H. E. JEFFERSON | G. D. OF CEREMONIES | *Berwick.* |
| V.W. | W. D. McKENZIE. | G. SWORD BEARER | *Parrsboro'.* |
| V.W. | W. B. THOMAS | GRAND ORGANIST | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | J. W. HECKMAN | GRAND PURSUIVANT | " |
| V.W. | JAMES HALLIDAY | GRAND STEWARDS | *Dartmouth.* |
| V.W. | W. PEARCE | | " |
| V.W. | J. H. JOST | | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | W. J. CHEARNLEY. | | " |
| V.W. | C. E. DAVISON. | | " |
| V.W. | W. F. TANNER. | | *Pictou.* |
| V.W. | J. M. TAYLOR | GRAND TYLER | *Halifax.* |

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## APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

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| R.W. | ALEXANDER STEPHEN, (JR.) | Dist. Dep. G. Master | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | JOSEPH R. WYMAN | " " | *Yarmouth.* |
| R.W. | THOMAS R. HARRIS | " " | *Aylesford.* |
| R.W. | CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND | " " | *Amherst.* |
| R.W. | C. CREWE-READ | " " | *Sydney.* |

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 7th day of June, A. D., 1882, A. L. 5882, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT:

M. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR.....Grand Master.
R. W. THEODORE A. COSSMANN.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. LORENZO F. DARLING.....Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.....Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN MCGILLIVRAY.....Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES DEMPSTER.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....Grand Secretary.
R. W. JOSEPH R. BENNETT.....Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. J. D. H. BROWNE.....Grand Chaplain.
V. W. KENNETH J. MCKENZIE .....Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JAMES MARTIN. .....Grand Sup. of Works.
V. W. WILLIAM V. MURRAY.....Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. SAMUEL PORTER .....Grand Organist.
V. W. BENJAMIN H. LANDIS.....Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. BENJAMIN N. DAVIS.....Grand Steward.

V. W. John R. Green.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Joseph E. Hamilton..... " "
V. W. John McGillivray..... " "
V. W. John M. Taylor.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. John Wimburn Laurie.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. William A. Hesson.....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Benjamin Curren..... " " "
R. W. William Williams..... " " "
R. W. George T. Smithers..... " " "
R. W James Gossip..... " " "
R. W. William Holloway.....Past Junior Grand Warden.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. James Poyntz, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

R. W. W. Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Grand Orient of Costa Rica.

R. W. G. T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Benjamin Curren, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. L. F. Darling, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. W. J. Gossip, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. A. H. Woodill, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. W. A. Hesson, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

R. W. T. A. Cossmann, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

R. W. Lewis Johnstone, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

W. James McLearn, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when thirty Lodges were found represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in due form, and with prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. R. Bennett, it was

*Resolved,* That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

On motion of W. Bro. C. E. Davison, seconded by W. Bro. C. F. Cochrane, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty Lodges entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1881 (they having complied with the requirements of Sections 26 and 28 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution), and the following Representatives and Past Masters in attendance:—

## REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1 ..... W. Crowe, S. W.
St. John's, No. 2 ..... S. Trott, S. W.
Virgin, No. 3 ..... W. Ross, W. M.
A. M. Scott, S. W.
L. D. Wier, J. W.
Albion, No. 5 ..... D. C. Fraser, W. M.
St. Andrew's, No. 7 ..... A. D. McGillivray, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

Acacia, No. 8 ..... J. M. Townshend, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Burns, No. 10 ..... J. Ellis, W. M.
C. Bucksey, S. W.
G. S. Innis, J. W.
New Caledonia, No. 11 .... W. F. Tanner, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Hiram, No. 12 ..... T. B. Crosby, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Acadia, No. 13, ..... D. McIntosh, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Acadia, No. 14 ..... T. Allen, W. M.
Athole, No. 15 ..... B. H. Landis, W. M.
A. Mosher, S. W.
Keith, No. 17 ..... J. W. Heckman, W. M.
J. Quigley, S. W.
Union, No. 18 ..... W. J. Chearnley, W. M.
Royal Albert, No. 19 .... D. Lawlor, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
St. George's, No. 20 ..... A. S. Murray, W. M.
W. Pick, M. M., Proxy for Wardens.
Keith, No. 23 ..... G. A. Ward, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38 .. C. E. Davison, W. M.
T. P. Healey, S. W.
G. H. Jost, J. W.
Rothsay, No. 41 ..... L. G. DeBlois, W, M., Proxy for Wardens.
Eureka, No. 42 ..... Rev. R. Logan, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
Truro, No. 43 ..... T. Clarke, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
Western Star, No. 50 ..... M. Connors, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.
Eastern Star, No. 51 ..... J. Simmonds, W. M.
J. White, S. W.
J. H. Austen, J. W.
Harmony, No. 52 ..... H. E. Jefferson, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
King Solomon, No. 54 ..... R. G. Monroe, W. M.
Kentville, No. 58 ..... C. F. Cochran, P. M., Proxy for Lodge
Sircom, No. 66 ..... J. McPhail, M. M., Proxy for Lodge
Minas, No. 67 ..... W. D. McKenzie, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
North Star, No. 74 ..... J. W. McDonald, S. W.
T. E. Atkins, M. M., Proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Wallace, No. 76 ..... A. M. Peers, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.

PAST MASTERS.

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| St. Andrew's | A. H. Woodill. |
| | J. Dempster. |
| | T. Trenaman. |
| | J. H. Jost. |
| | J. D. H. Browne. |
| | S. Porter. |
| St. John's | J. Martin. |
| | J. W. Laurie. |
| | I. J. Wylde. |
| Virgin | W. A. Hesson. |
| | R. T. Roome. |
| | B. Curren. |
| | J. Gossip. |
| | T Mowbray. |
| | A. Stephen. |
| | A. E. Curren. |
| Albion | J. McGillivray. |
| Royal Sussex | J. M. Taylor. |
| | W. Holloway. |
| | J. McLearn. |
| | G. J. Fluck. |
| St. Andrew's | J. McKenzie. |
| | A. McLeod. |
| Burns | W. Taylor. |
| | J. Fortune. |
| | A. Waddell. |
| | J. R. Bennett. |
| | O. Jones. |
| New Caledonia | K. J. McKenzie. |
| Acadia (14) | J. W. Ruhland. |
| | J. K. Bent. |
| Athole | W. Williams. |
| Keith (17) | W. McNally. |
| | W. Lowe. |
| | J. N. Lindsay. |
| | D. F. Douglas. |

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| Union | W. B. Thomas. |
| | B. N. Davis. |
| | C. F. Biddle. |
| Keith (23) | L. Johnstone. |
| | J. R. Green. |
| Welsford | J. Poyntz. |
| Scotia | A. B. Baxter. |
| Thistle | W. Campbell. |
| Lodge of St. Mark | G. T. Smithers. |
| | T. A. Cossmann. |
| | L. F. Darling. |
| | W. V. Murray. |
| Truro | H. McCallum. |
| Poyntz | W. A. Porter. |
| Eastern Star | J. B. Coleman. |
| | W. Pearce. |
| | C. H. Gladwin. |
| | J. Halliday. |

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Partridge, Past Dep. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was announced by the Grand Tyler and received with the honors due to his exalted position in the Craft.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

R. W., V. W., and W. Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We assemble to-day to commence the deliberations of the Seventeenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Allow me to tender to you one and all a sincere and hearty welcome to this meeting; and to solicit your very earnest attention to the several matters of deep interest to the welfare of this Grand Lodge that necessarily require your consideration.

From the returns of the Lodges, which the Grand Secretary will report more fully upon, we find the Lodges generally are advancing very little. One Lodge has returned its charter. The income of Grand Lodge is less than in some years past. The expenses are very little, if anything, less; and the recent

critical examination into the finances show that our situation is considerably behind and the tendency is to become still worse. Various efforts have been made, and suggestions offered and attempted during the year, to remedy the situation. We must, however, acknowledge that the results have not been sufficient to relieve us altogether from our financial embarrassment. We are now to look carefully into the matter and if possible adopt measures that will place the Grand Lodge in a position, not only free from embarrassment, but one that will enable it to exercise in a useful degree that most excellent gift of charity.

We may ask whether our difficulties have not largely arisen from the fact of disappointment, when the new Hall was erected, in realizing what was reasonably expected for the old Freemasons' Hall. Our position would now be comparatively easy if the old Hall could be made to pay the amount for which it is considered liable. Efforts having that object in view have been proposed during the year, but no positive results are reported.

The questions of discipline or complaint between the Lodges of this jurisdiction, or between the members of the Lodges, have been of so slight a nature that I may well report that harmony prevails with us at home.

It is very gratifying also to report that our relations with the Grand Lodges on this Continent continue to be most amicable and fraternal. And the same may be said in reference to the Grand Lodges abroad with but one exception.

These friendly relations prevail between all other Grand Lodges, with only some two or three exceptions, which will be likely referred to by our Foreign Correspondence Committee. I find there is a movement amongst our most distant brethren in some portions of Australia to organize a Grand Lodge. This is not communicated here directly. We can well see the propriety of such a step on the part of Lodges which held charters from England and Scotland. The Grand Body being at so great a distance from the Colony, involved most likely troubles similar to those under which we laboured for several years. I am not in a position to report a formal application for recognition and amicable relations with this Grand Rody ; but application has been made to other Grand Lodges and in several instances it has been received very favourably. The organization will likely in due time receive universal recognition.

During the past year we are not called on to record the death of any of the officers of this Grand Lodge. Some deaths amongst the Lodges are reported to whose memory we may with propriety make the usual record in our proceedings.

It is also quite becoming for us, even at this distant day, to refer to the mournful event whereby the President of the United States, James A. Garfield, an eminent and zealous brother Mason, came to his death shortly after our last annual meeting. The sad event caused a thrill of horror throughout the whole civilized world. And none exceeded the Masonic body in their deep sorrow and grief at his lamented death—or their sympathy with the nation over which he had so lately been called to preside. I ask that his name may be placed on record with a memorial page in our proceedings.

In accepting the nomination for office last year I intimated that my engagements otherwise would so much take up my time that I would not be able

to visit any of the Lodges without the limits of the city. My representations in that respect have been fully realized. Beyond the city and Dartmouth I have not been privileged to visit during the year. I have, however, frequently visited the Lodges in the city and Dartmouth, and have to report favourably in regard to what I have observed doing. I have seen much earnestness in the work both ritualistic and otherwise. A pleasing progress and deep interest is being evinced in the Installation Ceremonies. The attendance on these occasions is large and the enthusiasm manifested is most pleasing. The taste displayed by most of the Lodges in the introduction of music and decorations greatly enhances the pleasure experienced at these meetings.

I regret that I was unable to extend my visitations more generally. As a remedy for my omissions in this respect I have endeavoured to have every Lodge visited either by the Deputy or a District Deputy Grand Master. In some instances the District Deputy reports his inability to keep engagements for visitation on account of storms through the winter. Their reports, however, evince a commendable performance of their important duties. The extent of the districts might be diminished in some instances and the number of the District Deputy Grand Masters increased. The result would then be a yearly official visit to every Lodge in the jurisdiction. This is most desirable to have attended to, as Lodges expect an official visit with great interest generally. And an opportunity is then presented whereby any omissions or mistakes in the Lodge can be remedied by a little friendly advice in seasonable time.

The returns indicate that less work has been done in the jurisdiction than in some previous years. Yet more Lodges than usual have made returns to the Grand Secretary's Office. The Charter of Philadelphia, No. 47, has been returned. Past Grand Chaplain Downie kindly assisted to have the papers and other property of the Lodge placed in charge of District Deputy Grand Master Wyman for transmission to the Grand Secretary. There is nothing of any value among its effects.

District Deputy Grand Master Wyman has worked hard, and we may say with good effect, in reviving Concord, No. 24, and Westport, No. 25. Concord had well nigh forfeited its charter ; but through the exertions of Bro. Wyman it has met, elected officers, and set to work again, with a prospect, we hope, of continuing its labors, provided Grand Lodge will second the efforts of the D. D. Grand Master, who recommends Grand Lodge to legalize the re-opening of the Lodge, the election and installation of its officers, and any work it has performed during the past three months. It may be effected by special resolution of Grand Lodge. I beg to recommend this course, so that any irregularity, on account of the position of the Lodge for the past two years, may be remedied as far as possible.

I have authorized King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, to elect a Senior Warden instead of a member elected to that office but who had to remove from the jurisdiction of the Lodge previous to installation.

Also Wallace, No 76, to elect officers on an emergent meeting, the evening for the regular meeting for election having been too stormy for the Lodge to assemble.

Also Tyrian Youth Lodge, No 45, to elect a Worshipful Master instead of the Brother chosen in March, he having declined installation.

Also Eastern Light, No. 72, which meets weekly, to elect its officers at any regular meeting in March, due notice of the election being given.

Also Wimburn Lodge, No. 75, to elect its Wardens in April. I decided that the member chosen for Senior Warden in March was not constitutionally elected with five votes in his favor, out of ten members present who were entitled to vote —a majority of the votes of those present being required. The Junior Warden, after being elected, refused to be installed. As no installation of any of the officers had been held, I directed that the choice of Wardens be made from all the members, the Master elect excepted.

I granted permission to Keith Lodge, No. 23, to walk in procession in August, at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Chancel of Christ Church, Stellarton ; also to attend a Service at that Church on the 27th December, at which Grand Chaplain R. W. Brother D. C. Moore delivered a discourse on Masonry.

I also permitted the brethren of Virgin Lodge, No. 3, to wear Masonic clothing at a banquet on the 22nd February, held in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of that Lodge.

Minas, No. 67, requested permission to walk in procession as Masons on the 27th December. I acceeded to the request, provided the object was Masonic, or for a religious service.

I also permitted the members of Taylor Lodge, No. 62, to attend Church on St. John's day, in Masonic clothing.

After considerable correspondence on some points mentioned in several instances, I have finally approved of alterations to the Bye-Laws of Nos. 6, 23, 25, 50, and 76.

In August I sanctioned the consolidation of Manitoba, No. 59, with the Albion, No. 5. The several requirements of the constitution in such cases were fully complied with and the various steps in the proceedings were carefully taken under the efficient direction and oversight of D. D. G. M. Brother McGillivray. The consolidated Lodge retains the charter and name of Albion, No. 5.

A very serious calamity happened to New Caledonia, No 11, last season, by which the Lodge lost much valuable property, its charter and other important documents by fire. The members of the Lodge at once applied for some authority under which they might continue their Masonic labors until this meeting of Grand Lodge. We have no provision for this case in our constitution or our regulations. The charter being lost the Lodge ceases to work. The Grand Master's dispensation does not constitutionally supply its place, and the Grand Secretary cannot issue a renewal of the charter without the direction of the Grand Lodge to do so. I considered the matter very carefully, and rather than have the Lodge closed for a large portion of the year, I decided to adopt the following course :—I directed the Grand Secretary to issue an official letter to the Worshipful Master, the officers and members of the Lodge, permitting them to continue the Masonic labors of the Lodge as they would legally have

done had their charter not been destroyed, until they could be supplied with a new charter under authority of this Grand Lodge. I now earnestly recommend the Grand Lodge to legalize that act on my part, and all the Masonic work the Lodge has performed under it; and further, I recommend Grand Lodge to direct a new charter to be issued to the Caledonia Lodge.

I authorized P.D.G.M. Johnstone to preside at and conduct the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the Chancel of Christ Church, at Stellarton, which duty, I am pleased to report, was most efficiently and satisfactorily attended to in presence of a large assemblage of spectators, and with the valuable assistance of several members of the Grand Lodge and the brethren of the Lodges in that vicinity.

Very few applications have been made for reducing the constitutional period for conferring degrees. It is quite well understood that permission is only favoured to lessen the time between the second and third degrees.

The reasons submitted in each of the following cases were quite sufficient to justify me in granting the permission requested.

I authorized Scotia Lodge, No. 31, to raise Brother Harris within the prescribed time. Also Virgin Lodge, No. 3, to raise Brother Lundy; and Sircom Lodge, No. 66, to raise Brother MacDonald.

I was greatly surprised, however, to have a request for authority to confer the three degrees on a candidate at one Communication of the Lodge; of course I declined granting any such authority.

A case of appeal from suspension was referred to me at the last session. This is a course for disposing of a matter of this kind that does not seem to be provided for and is not recognized in our regulations, and as no pressure was brought to bear for its disposal, I decided to allow the case to stand over.

Two cases of interference with Lodge Jurisdiction have occurred. One of which, I believe, has been amicably disposed of. The other is only partially dealt with. A report in connection with it having only come to hand last Saturday, I cannot yet close it up. This subject should have careful attention on the part of Lodges. The candidate becomes the affected party, and he necessarily receives a most unfavourable impression when he finds himself in a difficulty, which he blames on the Lodge,

I declined to comply with a request from St George's Lodge, No. 20, to the effect that the action of Grand Lodge at its last Communication with reference to it be omitted from the printed proceedings.

In reply to a question on a supposed case of notice given, and omission thereof from the agenda paper issued by the Grand Secretary, I decided that the omission from the agenda paper of notice of motion duly given would not preclude action at the ensuing Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, on such notice, and that Grand Lodge could either adhere to the order of business mentioned on the agenda paper or proceed otherwise.

I have already referred to the centennial celebration of Virgin Lodge, No. 3, an event that so rarely occurs in any Jurisdiction, that we may well be

excused for giving it some particular notice. I now again refer to it for the purpose of asking the approval of Grand Lodge to a suggestion I made at the last installation of the officers of that Lodge. We know that shortly after the St. Andrew's, No. 1, completed its one hundredth anniversary, the Grand Lodge of England conceded to the members of that Lodge the privilege of wearing a Centenary Jewel, a privilege which the Lodge very highly appreciates. The St. John's, No. 2, celebrated its hundredth anniversary about two years ago, and a formal application was made and agreed on in that Lodge for wearing a Jewel to commemorate that event. It has not yet actually decided on any design or mode of carrying their wish into effect Provided, however, the approval of the Grand Lodge would be given to the subject, and this is what I am now asking of the Grand Lodge, both St. John's, No 2, and Virgin, No. 3, would readily adopt some fitting design to be a memorial of their centennial.

I have received two official foreign documents, which I beg to refer to the Grand Lodge. The first of these is a voluminous and rather formidable document dated Newtonbrook, Ontario, in which very lengthy and earnest arguments are urged to a request for recognition as a Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons. Our Report of 1876, page 77, refers to a similar application. It was then decided to refuse the request. Now the same is repeated with much more formidable appearances. I do not, and cannot refer to this document in a favourable light, or counsel its recognition; but I may be permitted to say, most fraternally towards the eldest sister of our Colonial Grand Lodges, that if she would substitute Ontario for Canada in her title, and thus call herself by her territorial name, such documents as these would, no doubt, altogether cease, instead of continuing to circulate. For the Grand Lodge of Canada to continue under what must now be designated a misnomer, there will arise a degree of unpleasantness among the fraternity in that important Jurisdiction. They have, on this account, very fair grounds to urge in favour of such proceedings as are set forth in this document. The second document is a circular from Bulgaria, in the Continent of Europe, referring to an irregularity in Masonic matters, in which the Grand Orient of France is more immediately concerned. It is under date of March, 1882.

I gratefully acknowledge a most fraternal invitation from R. W. Grand Master Samuel B. Dick, of Pennsylvania, to visit that city on 24th June, 1882, St. John the Baptist's Day. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania proposes to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization with imposing and highly interesting ceremonies. My visit to that Jurisdiction at the dedication of their Masonic Temple in 1873, enables me to bear testimony to the tact and ability of that Grand Lodge to carry out in a most pleasing and fraternal manner the proposals on the present occasion. I sincerely regret that I will not be able to accept the invitation to these celebrations.

The alterations in the Constitution, if adopted as now proposed, will help to remove some irregularities and misinterpretations; others still remain which, we hope, will receive attention in time. I may mention a case which has given rise to a difference of opinion in the Albion Lodge. Past Master Fraser, who is the party interested, has referred to me for information on the point. He is,

or was at the time, the Senior Warden of the Lodge. In the Master's absence he opened the Lodge as Senior Warden, and as a Past Master he conferred the third degree on a Brother Fellow Craft. According to the literal reading of Section 8, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, this was questioned. I did not agree to the view that this was ever intended in framing our Constitution, or indeed that a Past Master could be deprived of any of his functions by accepting an office in the Lodge, as in this case. In replying, therefore, to Brother Fraser's inquiry, I intimated that I would not take exception to the work he had done.

Another point which I found it difficult to make out satisfactorily, is that of visiting a Lodge. This question has arisen and I have answered the inquiry as nearly in keeping with the resolution of 1876, page 76, as I could make out the meaning to be; it was not satisfactory, however. When a question of this, or any other important nature arises, and is to be settled by resolution, the matter would be better referred to a committee to be deliberated on at leisure and fully examined.

From the Organ Committee, of which I was appointed Chairman at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, I beg to report as follows:

We found this fund in the Saving's Bank, but under the control of the administrators of the late Grand Master. They, however, at once rendered us their assistance to get it into our hands. The Registrar of the Probate Office furnished us with the required certificate, and we ultimately, on 1st November, obtained the amount as follows, viz.:

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| Sum deposited 19th January, 1878, by Brother A. H. Crowe as Trustee for Organ Committee..... | $203 33 |
| Interest accrued on same to this date..... | 32 46 |
| | $235 79 |
| From which deduct cost of Probate certificate..... | 1 00 |
| | $234 79 |

On the recommendation of the committee I paid this sum on account of Messrs. W. & C. Silver, as a loan to the Grand Lodge.

In compliance with the request of Grand Lodge, the Executive Officers made up a financial statement and sent it to the various Lodges, about the end of June. They also made up a supplementary statement in which the position at the 24th December was given. This was furnished at the end of the printed proceedings. From that time to the present some favourable steps have been realized. Of the $970.50 due last June for rents, only $12.50 is unpaid. Of 43 Lodges to whom amounts were due for travelling expenses, 26 have signified their intention to remit either the whole or a portion of their claim, reducing our liability on this item from $891 to $493.53. From the other items of our liabilities and appropriation for the year, I am happy also in reporting a reduction of $307.

These several reductions taken into account, along with the donations reported at 24th December, from a few Lodges, place us, at the present time, in a very fair position. I am not now able to give the precise state of our account, not having the real yearly income before me. If the annual dues come up to estimated sum, and the rents reach the usual amount, we will be able to nearly balance our account up to this Communication. This, even, is a very gratifying feature, and a position in which we must all be pleased to find ourselves; still it arises from incidental causes of special donations, remittances of dues, and extra allowances. These we may not trust to, but bear in mind that our present resources are not sufficient to meet our present annual expenses by a very considerable amount. If, however, the property on Barrington Street should fortunately be disposed of, as proposed, our situation, financially, would then be eminently satisfactory. We should make a most strenuous effort to have this point accomplished at this Session. Let us, however, not separate with the expectation that an appropriation for the year's expenses of Grand Lodge, which amounts to five thousand dollars, is to be satisfied and paid by the Executive Officers with an estimated income of not more than four thousand five hundred dollars, and some of this not furnished for a long time after it is due and required.

According to Section 3, Chapter 3, of our Constitution, I ask the sanction of the Grand Lodge to the appointment of R. W. Brother John D. Hatch, to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, which representation has been vacant for several years.

Also for the same sanction to the appointment of R. W. Brother George J. Waugh, of Stratford, Ontario, to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Canada, (Ontario,) in the place of M. W. Brother Harrington, who for several years represented Nova Scotia near that Grand Lodge.

My remarks have extended to a greater length than I expected. I will, therefore, in conclusion only repeat my regret that I have not been able to give more attention to the visitation of Lodges. This would have been a great pleasure to me to have done, as well as my positive duty. I ask for a lenient construction on my omissions in this respect, I believe I will receive it at the hands of the brethren of the Jurisdiction, where my sentiments and wishes towards the Grand Lodge are so well known to be most favourable and fraternal.

I wish to express my thanks to the officers of Grand Lodge for the many instances of assistance accorded me whenever an opportunity presented itself. I also acknowledge very gratefully the uniform courtesy and fraternal treatment which I have experienced while visiting Lodges, and in my general intercourse with the brethren.

My conclusions are that we are well able to manage the affairs of the Grand Lodge so as to fulfil, in the best sense of the word, the mission of Freemasonry. If we have made some mistakes we must not therefore be cast down; but should exert ourselves more energetically and learn greater prudence for future action.

There are very many points to which there is still room to direct attention. The ritualistic work, for instance; the subject of lectures in the Lodges; the introduction of music at our ceremonies; the attention of the constitutional requirements in many particulars; and several other subjects that will require attention. We must, however, be patient and have time to get these various points remedied. When we look back on the many changes for the better that have been adopted, we should be hopeful for the future of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

Let us now unite earnestly in the work of this Session, giving our careful attention to the several subjects that are to come before us, and hoping that, under the guidance of the Supreme Grand Master, our efforts and deliberations will result honourably to ourselves and beneficially to the important trusts which are under our control and management.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee, consisting of M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, and R. W. Bro. L. Johnstone.

R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *7th June, 1882.*

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. William Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

# GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia :*

Immediately after the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, letters of authority under Seal of Grand Lodge were issued to the following brethren, empowering them to enter upon the discharge of their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters, viz., to :

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| R. W. | William Williams, | for District | No. | 1. |
| " | Joseph R. Wyman, | " | " | 2. |
| " | Aubrey Blanchard, | " | " | 3. |
| " | John McGillivray, | " | " | 4. |
| " | Lieut. C. Crewe-Read, | " | " | 5. |

### FINANCIAL CIRCULAR.

In the month of June last, and as soon after the Annual Communication as possible, I issued by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, to all Lodges, all Grand Lodge officials, all Officers of Past Rank, and to many others, a report on the financial condition of Grand Lodge, prepared by the Executive Officers and signed by the M. W. Grand Master, as Chairman, requesting aid from Subordinate Lodges to relieve Grand Lodge from financial embarrassment. The response to the appeal, partially by a money contribution and partially by the abandonment of claims for travelling expenses, will be found in the last published Proceedings, which were purposely delayed till late in December, that all Lodges should have ample time afforded them to reply to the circular sent out.

### TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

In accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, I called for tenders for the printing of Grand Lodge Proceedings. 600 copies of these Proceedings, including the Constitution, have been supplied for the sum of $162, about $100 of which amount is paid by the Lodges, leaving only $62 to be appropriated from the funds of Grand Lodge for that purpose.

### DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS.

The distribution of the Proceedings is as follows :

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| To about 60 Grand Lodges (3 copies each) | 180 |
| " 68 Lodges in Nova Scotia (3 copies each) | 204 |
| Grand Lodge Officers and members of Committees | 60 |
| Grand Officers of Past Rank | 30 |
| Representatives of Grand Lodges and Publishers of Magazines, &c | 60 |
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Leaving but a small number to meet repeated demands from home and abroad in future years.

### ST. GEORGE'S LODGE.

On the 8th June I forwarded to the Secretary of St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, the resolution of the Grand Lodge concerning returns and arrears of dues, and shortly after a corrected copy of the annual returns for 1881 was supplied by the Secretary of the Lodge.

### ALBION AND MANITOBA.

On the 27th August last, I forwarded to the W. M. of Albion Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master's sanction for the consolidation of Manitoba and Albion Lodges, the consolidated Lodge to bear the name and number of Albion Lodge, No. 5, as heretofore. The Charter and Seal of the late Manitoba Lodge have been forwarded to me and are now in the Grand Secretary's office.

### HUDSON LODGE, U. D.

On the 15th May, 1881, I forwarded to John Greener, Aaron Sleigh, and Robert McDonald, the Acting Grand Master's Dispensation, empowering them with others, to open a new Lodge at Vale Colliery, Pictou Co., to be known as Hudson Lodge. The Minutes of the Lodge, U. D., are now in the hands of the Committee on Charters for examination, and will be reported upon at this Communication.

### CHRIST CHURCH—CORNER STONE.

On the 16th August last, by the authority of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a Dispensation to R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, M. D., to lay the Corner Stone of the Chancel of Christ Church, at Stellarton.

Permission was also forwarded to the members of Keith Lodge, No. 23, to walk in procession on that occasion.

### DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations to elect Officers subsequently to the regular meeting in March, have been issued by direction of the Grand Master, to the following Lodges:

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| King Solomon, | for the election of | a Senior | Warden. |
| Eastern Light, | " | " | Officers. |
| Wimburn, | " | " | Wardens. |
| Tyrian Youth, | " | " | W. M. |
| Wallace, | " | " | Officers. |

### ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Authority was issued, by direction of the Grand Master, to Keith and Minas Lodges, to attend Divine Service on St. John's Day, December 27th, last.

According to the provision of Standing Regulation 8, I have issued to Bro. John Fraser, of St. George's, raised in 1860, a diploma free from charge.

### VIRGIN LODGE—CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

On the 17th February last, I issued to the officers and members of Virgin Lodge, the Grand Master's authority to wear Masonic clothing at a Banquet to be held in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the formation of the Lodge.

### NEW CALEDONIA.

The Charter of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, having been destroyed by fire on the 17th November last, I forwarded to the Secretary of the Lodge adequate authority from the M. W. Grand Master, under Seal of Grand Lodge, to the W. M. of New Caledonia to continue the work of the Lodge until the present Annual Communication.

As the Charter of the Lodge was issued by the Grand Lodge of England before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, it will be for the Grand Lodge to take such action at this Communication as may be deemed necessary to supply the loss referred to.

### DUPLICATE DIPLOMAS.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, adopted at the last Annual Communication, duplicate diplomas have been supplied to Brethren Walker, McNeil, Mitchell and Fraser.

### ALBERT LODGE.

Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, having failed to comply with the requirements of Section 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution for three years, it becomes my duty to report the fact to Grand Lodge.

### PERMISSION TO MEET IN THE BLUE ROOM.

I have written officially on behalf of Grand Lodge to Burns and Keith Lodges, asking their permission to meet in the Blue Room. In reply I have received answers from these Lodges, who kindly place the room at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the evening Sessions of to-day and to-morrow.

### RETURNS.

The returns received from the Subordinate Lodges for the year now ended, give the following results :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number | initiated | 169 |
| " | passed | 152 |
| " | raised | 169 |
| " | affiliated | 37 |
| " | reinstated | 34 |
| " | dimitted | 155 |
| " | died | 33 |
| " | missing | 30 |
| " | suspended for unmasonic conduct | 1 |
| " | " for non-payment of dues | 107 |
| " | rejected | 28 |
| " | of subscribing members | 2898 |

About six hundred less than were returned in 1877.

This large falling off in contributing members in five years, affords a subject for the very serious and earnest consideration of the Craft in our Jurisdiction. What can be done, what steps can be taken to arrest the exodus from our ranks? If some expert in Masonic Political Economy could devise or suggest some scheme that would arrest the evil of a steadily increasing non-affiliation, he would be justly considered a benefactor to our Lodges.

Surely it cannot be the small tax of three hundred cents per year—less than one cent per day—required by a Lodge of its members that causes them to turn their backs upon their duty to contribute to the widow and the orphan. There must be a cause for so great a loss of contributing members in so few years; this cause can be found, in my opinion, in our own circle.

Is everything done that ought to be done, and that could be done, to make the monthly meetings attractive? Are our Lodges efficiently officered? Do the rulers of the Craft—the Worshipful Masters—perform those duties they are supposed to perform—to employ and *instruct* the Brethren in Freemasonry. I repeat in this report also, that to Masons in Nova Scotia, the regular meeting in March is the most important in the year. Intelligence, education, an adequate fund of Masonic information, and tact, are indispensable qualifications in our presiding officers; without these, Lodges must languish, members will dimit.

It is not perhaps, the province of a Secretary in a strictly official report of the doings of his office, to touch upon such a subject as this, but facts are stubborn things, and non affiliation the admitted bane of the Craft everywhere, but especially on this Continent, stares us boldly in the face; and it becomes the solemn and pressing duty of every Mason to endeavour to lessen the evil.

### DONATION TO GRAND LODGE.

In view of the straitened circumstances in which Grand Lodge is placed financially, I have relinquished, for the third time, the sum of one hundred dollars, being part of my salary as fixed by Chapter 7 of the Constitution: this donation will appear in its proper place in the Grand Treasurer's account.

### FEES AND DUES RECEIVED.

I have received during the year, and have paid over to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of three thousand dollars and twenty-five cents, as will appear from his receipts, including the sum of $346.75 contributed specially in aid of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*Grand Secretary.*

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ended June 5th,* 1882.

| No. | Received from. | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | St. Andrew's, to May, 1882 | $48 00 | $10 00 | $1 50 |
| 2. | St. John's, " 1881 | 51 00 | 5 00 | 1 50 |
| 3. | Virgin, " 1882 | 53 25 | 21 00 | 1 50 |
| 4. | Unity, " " | 30 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 5. | Albion, " " | 77 25 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 6. | Royal Sussex, " " | 36 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 7. | St. Andrew's, " " | 46 50 | 20 00 | 1 50 |
| 8. | Acacia, " 1880 bal.) | 19 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 8. | Acacia, " 1881 | 45 75 | 14 00 | 1 50 |
| 8. | Acacia, " 1882 | 46 50 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 9. | Zetland, for 1881 and 1882 | .... | 14 00 | .... |
| 10. | Burns, to May, 1882 | 79 50 | 11 00 | 1 50 |
| 11. | New Caledonia, " " | 83 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 12. | Hiram, " " | 42 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 13. | Acadia, " " | 15 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 14. | Acadia, " " | 39 00 | 14 00 | 1 50 |
| 15. | Athole " " | 36 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 16. | Keith, " " | 37 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 17. | Keith, " 1881 | 30 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 18. | Union, " 1882 | 34 50 | 16 00 | 1 50 |
| 19. | Royal Albert, " " | 47 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 20. | St. George's, for the year 1882 | 20 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 23. | Keith, to May, 1882 | 48 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 24. | Concord, for the year 1882 | 16 50 | .... | .... |
| 25. | Westport, to May, 1881 | 12 75 | .... | 1 50 |
| 26. | Westport, " 1882 | 12 75 | .... | 1 50 |
| 26. | Welsford, " " | 53 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 28. | Scotia, " " | 23 25 | . .. | 1 50 |
| 29. | Prince of Wales, to May, 1882 | 42 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 31. | Scotia, balance for 1881 | 19 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 31. | Scotia, on account for 1882 | 17 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 32. | Eldorado, to May, 1882 | 21 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 33. | Annapolis Royal, " " | 36 75 | 12 00 | 1 50 |
| 35. | St. Mark's to May, 1881 | 31 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 35. | St. Mark's " 1882 | 30 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 36. | Thistle, " " | 24 75 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 38. | Lodge of St. Mark, " " | 48 75 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 41. | Rothsay, " " | 27 00 | .... | 1 50 |
| 42. | Eureka, " " | 49 50 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| 43. | Truro, " " | 38 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 43. | Truro, 3 years' arrears for a brother re-instated | 2 25 | .... | .... |
| 44. | Poyntz, to May, 1881 | 23 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 44. | Poyntz, " 1882 | 20 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |

| No. | Received from. | | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45. | Tyrian Youth, to May, 1882 | | | $24 75 | $12 00 | $1 50 |
| 46. | Solomon, | " | 1881 | 18 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 46. | Solomon, | " | 1882 | 16 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 48. | Widow's Son, on account for 1881 and 1882 | | | 11 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 50. | Western Star, to May, 1882 | | | 64 50 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 51. | Eastern Star, | " | " | 27 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 52. | Harmony, | " | " | 41 25 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 54. | King Solomon | " | " | 18 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 55. | Morien, | " | " | .... | 2 00 | .... |
| 56. | Harmony, | " | " | 17 25 | .... | 1 50 |
| 57. | Temple, | " | " | 10 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 58. | Kentville, | " | " | 30 00 | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 59. | Manitoba, | " | 1881 | 17 25 | 4 00 | .... |
| 62. | Taylor, | " | 1882 | 31 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 63. | Corinthian, | " | " | 35 25 | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 64. | Richmond, | " | " | 18 00 | .... | 1 50 |
| 66. | Sircom, | " | " | .... | 2 00 | .... |
| 67. | Minas, | " | " | 27 00 | 7 00 | 1 50 |
| 68. | Curren, | " | " | 27 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 69. | Charity, | " | " | 21 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 70. | Laurie, | " | " | 14 25 | .... | 1 50 |
| 71. | Granville | " | 1881 | 24 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 71. | Granville, | " | 1882 | 21 00 | 2 00 | .... |
| 73. | Ionic, | " | " | 24 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 74. | North Star, | " | " | 32 25 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 75. | Wimburn, | " | 1881 | 18 00 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 76. | Wallace, | " | 1882 | 21 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| | | | | $2134 50 | $360 00 | $94 50 |

Received for Dispensations:

From Hudson Lodge, U. D. ..... $50 00
For Third Degree ..... 10 00

Received for the Benevolent Fund:

Laurie Lodge ..... 1 50

Received for renewal of diplomas:

From Laurie Lodge, for Bro. Simon D. Fraser ..... 1 00
" Sircom Lodge, for Bro. Angus McPhail,—original injured by fire ..... 1 00
" Royal Sussex Lodge, for Edward Walker ..... 1 00

Special contributions in aid of Grand Lodge:

Virgin Lodge ..... $100 00
Burns Lodge ..... 100 00
Welsford Lodge ..... 66 75
Lodge of St. Mark ..... 50 00
Royal Albert Lodge ..... 20 00
Eureka Lodge ..... 10 00

RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received for Dues | | $2134 50 |
| " | Diplomas and Enrolment | 360 00 |
| " | Proceedings | 94 50 |
| " | Dispensations | 60 00 |
| " | Benevolent Fund | 1 50 |
| " | Renewal of Diplomas | 3 00 |
| " | Special contributions in aid of Grand Lodge | 346 75 |
| | | $3000 25 |

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By cash paid R. W. Bro, James Dempster, Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers 156 to 170, both inclusive ..... $3000 25

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## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA *in acct. with* JAMES DEMPSTER, *Grand Treasurer.*

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| 1881. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 10. | To cash paid | Mercantile Insurance Company on $4000.... | $ 20 00 |
| July 1. | " | Guardian Insurance Company on $10,000 to July, 1882 | 33 33 |
| Aug. 24. | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary from May 1st to July 31st, 13 weeks at $3 per week | 39 00 |
| " 27. | " | Coupons, $104, $43.20, $12 | 159 20 |
| " | " | Commercial Union Insurance Company on $5000 to August, 1882 | 16 66 |
| Sep. 8. | " | George Rent, stove pipe, brooms, brushes, pans, etc., in 1876 | 20 05 |
| " 16. | " | Commercial Union Insurance Company, on $4000 to September, 1882 | 21 00 |
| Oct. 17. | " | Gas to Aug. 4th, 3 months, 17,500 ft. at $2.50. | 43 75 |
| Nov. 1. | " | Postage stamps, cards, etc | 14 00 |
| " 5. | " | Barnes & Co , printing 300 Financial Reports. | 8 00 |
| " 19. | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary from Aug. 1st to October 31st, 13 weeks at $3 per week | 39 00 |
| " 28. | " | Queen Insurance Company on $15,000 to Nov., 1882, and Policy, $1 | 38 50 |
| Dec. 5. | " | Coupons | 8 00 |
| " 8. | " | Mrs. Donaldson, interest ½ year to Dec., 1881. | 660 00 |
| " 9. | " | John M. Taylor, tyling to June, 1881, one year | 30 00 |

| 1882. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 11. | To cash paid | S. M. Brookfield, interest ½ year to Dec., 1881 | $300 00 |
| " | " | W. & C. Silver, on acct. | 234 79 |
| " | " | Gas to November, 3 months | 42 50 |
| Feb. 14. | " | James Martin, Janitor, salary, from Nov. 1st to Jan. 31st, 1882 | 39 00 |
| " 22. | " | Barnes & Co., printing 600 Annual Proceedings, $162.50; Lists of Lodges, $1; Envelopes, $1 | 164 50 |
| Mar. 2. | " | Coupons | 4 00 |
| " 15. | " | Gas | 51 75 |
| " | " | Coupons | 80 |
| Apl. 17. | " | Postage stamps | 11 75 |
| May 9. | " | J. Martin, Janitor, salary from Feb. 1st to April 30th, 13 weeks at $3 per week | 39 00 |
| " 12. | " | Coupons, $43.20; $92.00; $40.00 $16.00 | 191 20 |
| " | " | Interest on advances | 7 17 |
| " 15. | " | Wm. McNab, Printing, to June, 1881 | 31 50 |
| " 18. | " | A. G. McLean and W. Proctor, travelling expenses, special visit to St. Mark's Lodge, by order of Grand Lodge | 8 90 |
| " 19. | " | F. C. Stevens, coal to April, 1882 | 190 20 |
| " 27. | " | Discount on note | 25 |
| " | " | Coupons | 12 00 |
| June 1. | " | Mrs. Donaldson, interest ½ year to date | 660 00 |
| " | " | S. M. Brookfield, interest ½ year to date | 300 00 |
| " | " | Water Rate to May, 1882 | 51 00 |
| " | " | City Taxes, three years to May, 1882 | 307 65 |
| " | " | Coupons | 132 00 |
| " | " | A. Mackinlay, to June, 1882, diplomas, $93.75; sundries, $9.71 | 103 46 |
| " | " | North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., on $4,000 to June 9th, 1883 | 15 00 |
| " 3. | " | Coupons | 60 00 |
| " | " | Blackadar Bros., printing to June 2nd, 1882. | 2 50 |
| " 5. | " | Charles Annand, " " " | 3 50 |
| " | " | Morning Herald, " " " | 3 50 |
| " | " | Barnes & Co., " June 3rd, " | 10 50 |
| " | " | W. & C. Silver, balance of acct. | 165 91 |
| " | " | Express charges and telegrams | 1 50 |
| " | " | Repaid to W. Taylor, Grand Master, organ fund | 234 79 |
| " | " | Grand Secretary's salary, one year, $600, (less his third donation to Grand Lodge of $100) | 500 00 |
| " | " | Balance | 182 65 |
| | | | $5213 76 |

| 1881. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 31. | By Balance | | $ 25 22 |
| July 2. | By Cash from Grand Secretary | | 50 00 |
| " 20. | " | " | 115 25 |
| Aug. 27. | " | W. A. Hesson | 417 50 |
| Sep. 2. | " | Grand Secretary | 46 50 |
| Dec. 5. | " | W. A. Hesson | 409 50 |
| " 8. | " | Grand Secretary | 146 75 |
| " 17. | " | " | 200 00 |
| " | " | W. A. Hesson | 65 50 |
| 1882. | | | |
| Jan. 11. | " | Organ Fund | 234 79 |
| Mar. 7. | " | W. A. Hesson | 125 00 |
| May 12. | " | Grand Secretary | 196 00 |
| " | " | " | 33 25 |
| " | " | " | 64 50 |
| " | " | W. A. Hesson | 620 50 |
| " 15. | " | Grand Secretary | 202 50 |
| " 18. | " | " | 148 50 |
| " 23. | " | " | 692 25 |
| " 25. | " | W. A. Hesson | 63 50 |
| " 27. | " | Grand Secretary | 270 75 |
| " 31. | " | " | 385 25 |
| " | " | W. A. Hesson | 252 00 |
| June 3. | " | Grand Secretary | 345 00 |
| " 5. | " | " | 103 75 |
| | | | $5213 76 |
| | Balance on hand | | 182 65 |

JAMES DEMPSTER,
*Grand Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.
O. M. HILL,
A. E. CURREN.

On motion, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEP. GRAND MASTERS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

Having been honored by the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, I beg leave respectfully to submit for your information a report of the performance of the official duty devolving upon me in that important station.

I have visited all the Lodges in this District with the exception of Athole, No. 15, Halifax, and Eureka, No. 42, Sheet Harbor. With reference to Athole, No. 15, I may state that as I hold the office of Secretary of that Lodge, I requested R. W. Brother T. A Cossmann, our Deputy Grand Master, to perform that duty on my behalf, and his report is favorable, both as regards the state of the Records and general condition of the Lodge. With regard to Eureka Lodge it was my fixed intention to pay them an official visit, but unfortunately the severity of the past winter and the inclemency of this spring have prevented my performance of a duty from which I anticipated a large amount of pleasure, and I trust that my successor will take the opportunity of the fine summer weather to visit our brethren at Sheet Harbor.

The result of my visits to the other Lodges in the District may be summed up by saying that, thanks to the services and ability of the several Secretaries of Lodges, the Books and Records are well and creditably kept, and free from errors, and that the Lodges generally are doing fairly well, a condition of things mainly attributed to the careful supervision and advice of those faithful brethren who have preceded me in my present office. I have to acknowledge the fraternal reception extended to me upon the occasion of my official visits, and the honor with which I was received as your Representative, as well as on several unofficial visits made by me during the year.

I found that during the heat of the summer months the attendance at Lodge meetings was very meagre, so much so that several Masters found it difficult to have sufficient brethren present to work the degrees, and one Lodge had a notice of motion to call off for three months.

Three of the Lodges have been put to some inconvenience by their Secretaries leaving the District, but their places have been filled by *pro tempore* appointments of efficient substitutes.

Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6, has suffered a great loss by the death of our lamented Brother, Worshipful James M. Mumford, who died suddenly, struck down in the midst of a life of vigor and energy. As one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, he has been associated with much of its past work, and brought to bear an amount of business, energy and habit, combined with a modest and unassuming demeanor which will be missed by his brethren. Active as a member of the Board of Trustees of Grand Lodge, a Past Master and Secretary of his Lodge, his loss will be deeply regretted, and I request that a memorial page be inscribed to his memory in our Proceedings.

I have to state that I found by the Books of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, that considerable feeling was caused by the action of the W. Master in making certain changes in work and Ritual, especially in the M. M. Degree, it being asserted that the introduction of what is called the English work did not harmonize with the work practised by the other Lodges in this Jurisdiction. The reason given by the W. Master was that he had no alternative, as from the want of assistance he found it impossible to confer our work. I represented to him that the work was clearly defined, and that it would not do for Masters to make such radical changes without authority, that it was the power of Grand Lodge to define the work, and the duty of Masters to adhere to it, as otherwise confusion would arise among the workmen. I leave the matter in your hands.

I have to announce that Virgin Lodge, No. 3, has attained its one hundredth year of continual existence in this city. A magnificent banquet was held to honor the event, which I was unavoidably prevented from joining. This makes the third Lodge in Halifax now over one hundred years in existence.

It appears that, notwithstanding the desire to do the work as defined, a feeling is growing to abridge the second section of the M. M. Degree, on account of the length of time occupied and the difficulty in obtaining skilful help in the performance of the ceremonies connected with that portion. I here beg to congratulate the brethren in Halifax on the manner in which the installation of the officers of the various Lodges was conducted this year, and the impressive manner in which the ceremonies were performed The Lodges seemed to vie with each other in the decoration of the Lodge Room, especially with regard to the display of flowers; but the beauty of the ceremonies and surroundings were doubly enhanced by the unwearied attention and diligence of Worshipful Brother S. Porter, the Grand Organist and Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, to the musical portion of our ceremonies, a skilful and talented number of Brothers forming a choir, with instrumental accompaniment, under the direction of W. Brother Porter, and furnishing a musical treat seldom enjoyed among the brethren.

Thanking you Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor of the appointment, and assuring you that I have striven to do my duty faithfully and to the best of my ability.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours Fraternally,

WILLIAM WILLIAMS,

*D. D. G. M. District No.* 1.

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## SECOND DISTRICT.

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following report on District No. 2:

You are already aware by the various reports of the D. D. G. Masters who have previously represented this District, that from the large area over which it extends, and the limited means of communication, it is impossible to visit every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. Recognising this to be a fact and wishing to do the work for which I was appointed to the best of my ability, under the circumstances, I, with the permission of the M. W Grand Master, made arrangements with R. W. D. Grand Master Bro. Cossmann, who very kindly agreed to visit and inspect for me as many of the Lodges in Lunenburg and Queens Counties as he possibly could, and I informed the Lodges in these Counties of this arrangement.

The Lodges in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties I intended visiting myself, and as many of the Lodges in this District do not work during the summer months, so many of the members being away to sea, it becomes necessary

to visit such Lodges in the winter or early spring, when travelling by stage—the only mode of communication at that season—is anything but pleasant.

As Concord Lodge, No. 24, of Cape Island, had sent in no returns to Grand Lodge for the past year, I communicated with W. Bro. J. P. Trefry of that Lodge, and found that the Lodge had not met for nearly two years, because of certain difficulties among them, and that unless something were done to get them together, their Charter would be forfeited ; after a personal canvass among the brethren by Bro. Trefry, the Lodge was called together upon the regular night of meeting in March, and I met them in the Lodge Room and was received with the honors due the Representative of Grand Lodge. After a long and candid discussion of the various causes which had so long kept them from meeting in Lodge, it was unanimously agreed to go on working. They then elected their officers for the coming year, and I had the pleasure of installing them. From the spirit evinced by the brethren of this Lodge, and with the suggestions and assistance I was able to give them and to the Secretary, I feel assured the work of the Lodge will be well done and the Books will be properly kept. The peculiar difficulties under which the brethren of Concord Lodge suffer caused me to recommend them to petition Grand Lodge to relieve them from payment of dues owing Grand Lodge, excepting one year, and expecting that petition is before your Honorable Body at this session, I would respectfully urge that you grant their prayer, and thereby confer upon them a needed boon and honor upon Grand Lodge. I hereby tender to Bro. Trefry and other brethren of Concord Lodge, my thanks for their kindness to me during my stay among them.

I intended to continue my trip from Cape Island and visit the Lodges at North East Harbor, Shelburne and Lockeport, but a snow storm coming on compelled me reluctantly to return home, trusting I would yet have another opportunity of visiting these Lodges before the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Westport Lodge, No. 25, of Westport, Digby County, having sent in no returns to Grand Lodge, I also felt must be visited. I therefore communicated with the Secretary, called the Lodge together, and had the pleasure of meeting them and installing their officers for the present year. This Lodge meets but seldom during the summer, as most of the brethren are away from home, but during the winter they meet regularly and do their work well, there being but one case in which I found an unconstitutional action on the part of the Lodge, and that was immediately rectified upon my pointing it out to them. Their Books are kept a credit to the Lodge by their efficient Secretary, Bro. E. C. Bowers, to whom, with all the other Brothers, I am much indebted for kind attention.

The brethren of Scotia Lodge, No. 31, whom I often meet, gave me a flattering reception when I officially visited their Lodge upon the regular night in April, and at their invitation installed their officers elect. It is a sufficient guarantee of the high character and excellence of the work of Scotia Lodge to state that R. W. Bro. S. H. Pelton, P. J. G. Warden and R. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, P. D. D. G. M. of District No. 2, together with other well-posted brethren not so well known to Grand Lodge, are active and efficient members.

Hiram Lodge, No. 12, my mother Lodge, I officially visited on the regular night of meeting in April, and also had the honor of installing their officers for the current year. It is the aim of Hiram Lodge to do its work in a thoroughly creditable manner, and the records and accounts of the Lodge are kept in a clear and business-like way. Being a regular attendant at the meetings of Hiram Lodge, and often visiting Scotia, No. 31, and having often seen the various degrees conferred, I am able to state that though the work of each Lodge differs somewhat, yet both Lodges alike seek to do their work in the best manner possible, and I trust that the harmony which exists between these Lodges may long continue.

Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, of Barrington, having surrendered its Charter the previous year, its effects were placed in my hands by R. W. Bro. Downey of that Lodge, and will be forwarded to the grand Secretary.

Business engagements calling me to the States (and from which I have just returned) I found it impossible to pay my postponed visit as far as Lockeport, and I again asked R. W. Bro. Cossmann to visit these Lodges should his business call him that way and make it possible for him to do so, and I wrote the Lodges to that effect.

Masonry in this part of the Province is not in as prosperous a condition as we could wish, the causes of which are various and obtain generally throughout your Jurisdiction. I believe that the causes and cure of the evils of the demitting and non-affiliation of Masons are worthy the serious consideration of Grand Lodge. The reduction of the affiliation fee of the Lodges to the simple charge of Grand Lodge for registration would be a step in the right direction.

I would suggest to your Honorable Body that, as by resolution of Grand Lodge the D. D. G. Masters now have to pay all their expenses incurred in visiting the Lodges in their Districts, it would be advisable either to reduce the size of the Districts or else appoint two District Deputies in different sections of each large District, and thereby have the work performed and all the Lodges visited in the District, without having the District Deputies put to such a large outlay of time and heavy expense as at present the work in some Districts demands. Trusting your deliberations will be productive of much good to the Order, this report is

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH R. WYMAN,

*D. D. G. M. District No. 2.*

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## THIRD DISTRICT.

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :*

In submitting my report on District No. 3, I deeply regret to state that owing to ill health I have not been able to overtake the work devolving upon me as District Deputy Grand Master. I was in hopes, up to within a few weeks, that I would still be able to undertake and accomplish a considerable portion of the

latter, but Providence willed it otherwise, and the work remains undone. This I regret the more for the reason that in years past the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master of this District have been faithfully and effectually performed, and all the Lodges within the District look for at least one visit a year from that official, and hitherto have rarely been disappointed.

I had made arrangements to visit all the Lodges in Annapolis County in the month of January, and had notified them to that effect; but just before the time appointed for the visitation, I was taken seriously ill and was obliged to countermand the notice.

On the 17th of March, having recovered somewhat, I made an official visit to St. George's, No. 20. I was accompanied on the occasion by Bro. Dakin, of Welsford Lodge. The attendance at the meeting was good; I found that the Minutes were neatly and correctly kept, and that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The membership of this Lodge is not large, but there is enough of excellent material to ensure good and effective work. It being their regular night of meeting and also the night for the installation of officers, I had a good opportunity of observing their work, which was excellent. I had intended going on at once with the visitation of the other Lodges in my District, but almost immediately after my return from visiting St George's I was again prostrated by illness, from which I am only now recovering, and consequently was unable to do further work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

AUBREY BLANCHARD,

*D. D. G. M. District No.* 3.

*Windsor, June 5th,* 1882.

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## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor of submitting the following report of my official labors in District No. 4.

I regret that, owing to family concerns preventing my absence from home, it was impossible for me to visit any of the Lodges in my District outside of the County of Pictou.

On the 11th of January last I made my first official visit to Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton. There was a good attendance of members, and fair attention paid to clothing. The Secretary's books I found models of neatness, and, with the exception of two irregularities pointed out by me, I consider the minutes correct and all proceedings regular. The first irregular proceeding noted was the opening of Lodge by a Past Master, both Wardens being present, and the Master absent. The other irregularity was not so serious. In the absence of the Master, Lodge was opened by the Senior Warden, after which a Past Master

presided and signed the minutes of the previous meeting The Lodge is holding its own financially and in membership, has efficient officers and active members.

I visited New Caledonia, No. 11, Pictou, on the 24th January. The meeting was emergent, and although the attendance was good, it was not a fair index of the interest taken by members in their lodge. New Caledonia was unfortunate in losing, by fire, on November 27th, 1881, the best Lodge room and equipments in the District. In the matter of clothing they were not up to the requirements of the constitution, but this could not be expected, as their clothing and jewels were destroyed by the fire. Notwithstanding the great loss, this Lodge is financially sound, and what is better, has a large and active membership. I observed two irregularities in the minutes. With these exceptions I found their proceedings regular and the books of the Lodge correctly and neatly kept.

On the 6th of February I visited Curren Lodge, No. 68, Hopewell. The night was stormy and the meeting small. I observed little attention paid to clothing, and several irregularities appeared in the minutes. The most important irregularity, and apparently an unconstitutionality, was a failure to note that a Past Master was invited to confer degrees in the absence of the master, the minutes thus showing that the Senior Warden conferred two degrees. The Lodge owns its own hall, and is nearly clear of debt; but the minutes show a poor attendance of officers and members, and the Lodge must suffer seriously if more attention and interest are not exhibited by members towards their Lodge.

Hudson Lodge, U. D., Vale Colliery, was visited by me on the 15th day of February. The members are few, owing to a mistake made in applying for a charter. There were at the time of application twenty-six Masons residing at Vale Colliery, who would probably have signed the application and become members, had it been known to the parties moving in the matter that they could not affiliate. The officers appeared well skilled and enthusiastic. They meet in a comfortable room, have some funds, and material enough in their immediate neighbourhood to build up a good Lodge. I pointed out some irregularities in in the minutes, which were explained, and officers and members exhibited a desire to be instructed.

Western Star, No. 50, Westville, I visited on the 22nd of March. There was a large attendance, including several old and most enthusiastic Masons. The third degree was conferred in a manner creditable to officers and members. Every one appeared interested in the work. The Lodge is not in funds, owing to large outlays in fitting up a room for themselves; but a Lodge with a good membership and such earnest Masons must succeed.

I have regularly, throughout the year, attended the meetings of my mother Lodge, Albion, No. 5, New Glasgow. This Lodge is strong in membership, sound financially, and works fairly, but not so well as it should, with its present material and advantages. Since last meeting of Grand Lodge, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, has been amalgamated with Albion. At an emergent meeting in May last a question came up, previously suggested to me by the minutes of Hudson

Lodge. I did not expect circumstances to arise in my own Lodge requiring a decision on the point, or I should have taken counsel from the Grand Master, and in time to have the Constitution amended, if necessary. Our Senior Warden is a Past Master. An emergent meeting was called to confer a degree. The Master was absent, and the Senior Warden undertook to confer the degree. I questioned his right, and understood from him he had written the Grand Master, but had not received a reply. I advised him not to go on, as there were Past Masters present, and although his position could be defended, I thought he was violating the *letter* of the Constitution. The Warden conferred the degree, however. I think the Constitution might be amended to meet such a question.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with a regret that I was unable to perform my whole duty.

JOHN McGILLIVRAY,

*D. D. G. M., District No.* 4.

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## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following report on the fifth Masonic District:

I beg to state that on account of the expense to be incurred, I have been prevented from visiting several of the more distant Lodges in the District, and consequently I am unable to present any information as to their condition and state. This I much regret, as it appears to me that occasional visitations by an officer of Grand Lodge is of the greatest importance to the welfare of the Craft, and to the proper discipline of the several Lodges; perhaps I may be permitted to refer to my report of last year on this subject.

I beg to report that I granted a dispensation in March last to Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19, to wear Masonic clothing in public, when celebrating the twenty-third Anniversary of their formation, and I much regret that I was prevented from accepting the kind invitation to be present at the procession and banquet, both of which I am informed were conducted in a most satisfactory, pleasing and creditable manner.

In conclusion, I beg to state from information I have received, and from my own personal knowledge, that the general condition of the Craft in this District is in a satisfactory state, and I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of this District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted.

C. CREWE-READ,

*D. D. G. M. District No.* 5.

*Sydney, C. B., 1st. June,* 1882.

## REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, it was

*Resolved*, That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to a Special Committee consisting of the following brethren, viz.:—T. A. Cossmann, A. H. Woodill, J. W. Ruhland, W. A. Hesson, and C. F. Cochran.

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## THE CONSTITUTION—MOTIONS TO AMEND.

The ten following notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the Annual Communication of 1882 having been forwarded to the Grand Secretary three months previous to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in accordance with Section 12, Chapter 2 of the Constitution; and having been duly submitted to the Subordinate Lodges for their consideration, were taken up:

1. By W. Bro. T. R. Crosby, to amend Section 10, Chapter 1, by inserting immediately after the word "Halifax," on the second line, the words:

"Or such other place as Grand Lodge at the Annual Session shall direct."

2. By R. W. Bro. B. Curren, to amend Section 3, Chapter 1 of the Constitution, by inserting the words, "except as hereinafter provided," immediately after the word "ballot," in the second line.

To expunge the second clause beginning "Any brother nominating," and to substitute therefor the following:

"The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation."

"When several candidates are nominated for any office in Grand Lodge, and all but one decline to accept the nomination, the Grand Master or officer presiding shall have power to dispense with the written ballot, and declare the candidate elected; *provided always*, that any five members of Grand Lodge may demand a ballot, when the election shall take place as in the case of two candidates."

3. To amend Section 4, Chapter 14, so that it shall read:

SECTION 4.—"Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct; and any candidate before being declared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation."

"When several candidates are nominated for an office, and all but one decline to accept the nomination, the W. Master or Officer presiding shall have power to dispense with the written ballot, and declare the candidate elected; *provided always*, that any one member of the Lodge may demand a ballot, when the election shall take place, as in the case of two candidates."

"No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office."

4. To expunge Section 6, and to substitute the following:

"The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present."

5. To amend Section 8, by expunging the fourth and fifth lines, and by substituting therefor the following:

"A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees."

6. By R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, to expunge Section 11, Chapter 1, and to substitute therefor the following:

"All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge.

7. By M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, as follows:

"The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands; all moneys above that sum shall be invested in recognized securities in the name of the W. Master and Wardens, for the time being; and Lodge funds shall not be loaned to any member of the Lodge."

8. By R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, to add to the Standing Regulations the following:

"In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by Grand Lodge."

9. By R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill. for the appointment of a Board of General Purposes.

10. By R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, to provide for the annual election of Trustees of Freemasons' Hall.

These notices were thus disposed of:

No. 1 was moved, put to vote and declared lost.

No. 2—The first clause was agreed to: the second clause was put to vote and declared lost.

The Section will therefore now read as follows:

SECTION 3.—The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Secretary.

"The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After all the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not

show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation."

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz.:

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| Right | Worshipful | Grand | Lecturer. |
| " | " | " | Chaplain. |
| Very | " | Senior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Junior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Grand | Superintendent of Works. |
| " | " | " | Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " | Organist. |
| " | " | " | Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " | Stewards (six). |
| " | " | " | Tyler. |

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

No. 3—The first and third clauses were agreed to: the second clause was put to vote and declared lost.

Section 4, Chapter 14, will therefore now read as follows:

"Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct; and any candidate before being declared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation. No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office."

No. 4 was put to vote and agreed to.

Section 6, Chapter 14. will therefore read as follows:

"The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present."

No. 5 was put to vote and agreed to.

Section 8, Chapter 14 will therefore read as follows:

"In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the Chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees."

No. 6 was put to vote and agreed to.

Section 11, Chapter 1 of the Constitution therefore reads as follows:

"All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge."

No. 7 was partially agreed to and reads as follows:

*Chapter* 14, *Section* 50.—"The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands."

No. 8 was agreed to and reads as follows:

*Chapter* 14, *Section* 51.—"In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by Grand Lodge."

No. 9 was not agreed to.

No. 10—The Annual Election of Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property in the City of Halifax was provided for by the adoption of the following resolution, moved by R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, and seconded by R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann; and the resolution now forms Section 26, Chapter 1 of the Constitution:

"The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication

of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all of the Grand Lodge property in the City of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *June 7th, 1882.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. William Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

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### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann and W. Bro. C. E. Davison were appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected:

M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie.....Grand Master.
R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. D. C. Fraser.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. S. Porter.....Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. James Dempster (re-elected) .....Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Benjamin Curren (re-elected).....Grand Secretary.
R. W. W. V. Murray.....Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. R. Avery (re-elected).....Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. Henry D. deBlois (re-elected) .. do.
R. W. Rev. J. D. H. Browne (re-elected)..... do.
R. W. Rev. C. Churchward (re-elected)..... do.
V. W. B. H. Landis.....Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. C. F. Cochran.....Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. S. M. Brookfield.....G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. H. E. Jefferson.....G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. W. D. McKenzie.....Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. W. B. Thomas.....Grand Organist.
V. W. J. W. Heckman.....Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. Halliday.....Grand Steward.
V. W. J. H. Jost..... do.
V. W. W. Pearce..... do.
V. W. W. F. Tanner..... do.
V. W. W. J. Chearnley..... do.
V. W. C. E. Davison..... do.
V. W. John M. Taylor (re-elected).....Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 8th, 1882.*

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. William Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

## WALLACE AND ACADIA.

A dispute having arisen between Wallace and Acadia Lodges on the subject of Lodge Jurisdiction, the matter was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of brethren D. C. Fraser, W. A. Hesson, and T. B. Crosby, whose report will be found on page 45.

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## A PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF DIPLOMA

For Bro. John McKenzie, formerly a member of Queen's Lodge, Sherbrooke, and now a member of ——— Lodge, Prince Albert, N. W. Territory, was forwarded to Grand Lodge by Bro. A. E. Porter, M. D., formerly a member of Minas Lodge, Parrsboro, and now of Prince Albert, N. W. Territory.

This petition was also referred to the Special Committee just named. (See Report page 45.)

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals have to submit the following report:

1. They have had submitted to them for consideration, petitions as follow:

From Bro. Thomas Mitchell, of Athole Lodge, No. 15,
" Samuel R. Edwards, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1,
" Nathan Curry, of Acadia Lodge, No. 8,
" D. R. LeCain, of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 51,

praying for a renewal of Diploma.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to issue duplicate Diplomas to these brethren, on payment of the usual fee of one dollar, satisfactory evidence having been afforded that the originals were destroyed either by fire or shipwreck.

2. The Charter of New Caledonia Lodge having been destroyed by fire since the last Annual Communication, and the Lodge having been authorized to continue their labors by authority of the M. W. Grand Master, under Seal of Grand Lodge, your Committee recommend that a renewal of Charter be granted by Grand Lodge, free from charge.

3. A petition from Concord Lodge, No. 24, Cape Island, Shelburne Co., praying that their indebtedness to grand Lodge for the years 1880 and 1881, amounting to $24, be remitted. This Lodge having forwarded to the Grand Secretary the sum of $16.50 dues for 1882, and inasmuch as the sum of $7.50 added to the $16.50 already sent in, would liquidate the amount due Grand Lodge for the two years, 1880 and 1881, referred to, your Committee would therefore recommend that Concord Lodge be requested to forward to the Grand Secretary the small sum of $7.50 needed to meet the amount due for 1880–1881. Your Committee feel that to grant the prayer of this petition would be alike injurious to Grand Lodge and to other Subordinate Lodges in a similar position.

4. A recommendation from New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, for the expulsion of Bro. Peter McKenzie from the Craft on a charge of gross unmasonic conduct. Your Committee have carefully examined the papers and documents referred to us by Grand Lodge in connection with the same. We find the charges and trial to have been made in due Masonic form, and the evidence in support of such charges sufficient. We therefore recommend that this is a proper case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge, and that notice be given by the Grand Secretary to the party complained of, to show cause, at the next Annual Session of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled in accordance with the recommendation of New Caledonia Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS,

*June 5th.*, 1882. *Chairman of Committee.*

On motion of W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and considered clause by clause.

Clause No. 1 was adopted on motion of W. Bro. T. B. Crosby.

Clause No. 2 was adopted on motion of R. W. Bro. J. McGillivray.

Clause No. 3—On a motion to adopt this clause the following amendment was moved by W. Bro. T. B. Crosby:

*Resolved*, That the third clause of the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals do not pass; but that the prayer of the petition of Concord Lodge be granted, and the amount of dues by that Lodge for the years 1880 and 1881 amounting to $24 be remitted by this Grand Lodge.

This amendment, on being put to vote was agreed to.

Clause No. 4 was adopted on motion of W. Bro. W. F. Tanner.

## TRUSTEES ELECTED.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, the following brethren were elected Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall property for the ensuing year, in addition to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary appointed by Section 26, Chapter 2 of the Constitution of 1882 :

WILLIAM TAYLOR.
WILLIAM A. HESSON.
JAMES GOSSIP.
ALFRED H. WOODILL.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.
T. A. COSSMANN.
W. F. MacCOY.
A. STEPHEN.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. J. R. Green, seconded by W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, was received and adopted :

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Charters have examined the petition for a Charter submitted to them, as well as the proceedings of the Lodge now working under Dispensation, and have to report as follows :

A petition from—

John Greener, Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton,
Aaron Sleigh, Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton,
Robert W. McDonald, Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow,
Alexander McKinnon, Thistle Lodge, No. 36, Cape Breton,
George Moffatt Appleton, Burns Lodge, No. 10, Halifax,
Thomas T. S. Turnbull, Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton,
Duncan McDonald, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,
Henry McKinnon, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,
A. W. Reid, Western Star Lodge, No. 50, Westville.
Alexander Smith, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,

Matthew Spoors, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,
Alex. W. McBain, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,
Daniel Cameron, Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, New Glasgow,
Charles J. McKinnon, Albion Lodge, No. 5, New Glasgow,

praying for a Charter empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge at Vale Colliery, by the name and title of "Hudson" Lodge.

This petition is recommended by Manitoba Lodge, No. 59, R. N. S., New Glasgow, and accompanied by a certificate that the following named brethren are fully competent to discharge the duties required of them as Worshipful Master and Wardens of the new Lodge, viz.:

John Greener.....Worshipful Master.
Aaron Sleigh... .....Senior Warden.
Robert McDonald.....Junior Warden.

Your Committee are satisfied that the amount of work done by this Lodge, U. D, is sufficient to justify the hope of a satisfactory future, and recommend that a charter be granted in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Your Committee, after careful examination of the Minutes of this Lodge, cannot too strongly urge the W. Master and brethren to exercise for the future, great caution in the selection of a brother to discharge the duties of Secretary.

SAMUEL PORTER, *Chairman.*

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## TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The question of the sum of $7.64, withheld by St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, from the amount due to Grand Lodge for 1881, as payment of expenses incurred by its Representative to Grand Lodge, having been introduced, W. Bro. A. Stephen moved the following:

*Resolved* That the bill be paid.

This being seconded, it was moved in amendment by W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the several sums due the different Lodges for travel and expenses of their Representatives, be immediately referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit, and paid by the Grand Treasurer as soon as the funds of Grand Lodge will permit.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following report was received from R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, read, and on motion adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received a larger number of Proceedings of other Grand Lodges than ever before; and they have great pleasure in reporting, that the reviews of the whole number are so far advanced as to ensure their being ready to print (if Grand Lodge so will) with the Proceedings of the present Communication.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. MOORE.
THOMAS B. FLINT.
*June, 7th,* 1882. LEWIS JOHNSTONE.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 8th, 1882.*

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor M. W. Bro. William Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

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## PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year, and to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge.

# REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee appointed specially to report on the petition of Bro. John McKenzie, of ——— Lodge, Prince Albert, North West Territory; and on the grievance of Wallace Lodge in reference to the action of Acadia, No. 13, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish a duplicate Diploma to Bro. John McKenzie on the verification of facts contained in the letter of Bro. Porter, dated April 27th, A. D. 1882, and on payment of the usual fee.

2. We are of the opinion that the W. Master of Wallace Lodge erred in judgment in bringing the matter to the notice of the Grand Master, pending the report of a committee of his own Lodge, who had been appointed to confer with Acadia Lodge on the matter in dispute.

3. Further, we are of the opinion that Mr. Benjamin Betts, Junior, resides within the Jurisdiction of Wallace Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

D. C. FRASER,
W. A. HESSON, } *Committee.*
T. B. CROSBY,

On motion of W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Special Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and considered clause by clause.

Clause No. 1 was adopted on motion of W. Bro. M. Connors.

Clause No. 2 was adopted on motion of W. Bro. D. C. Fraser.

Clause No. 3 was adopted on motion of W. Bro. T. B. Crosby.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

W. Bro. O. M. Hill, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Grand Lodge for the past year beg to report that they have performed that duty, and find the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary perfectly correct and all payments properly vouched for.

The Receipts for the year have been:

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| For Dues | $2134 50 | |
| " Diplomas and Enrolments | 360 00 | |
| " Proceedings | 94 50 | |
| " Dispensations | 60 00 | |
| " Renewals of Diplomas | 3 00 | |
| " Benevolent Fund | 1 50 | |
| | | $2653 50 |
| " Loan from Organ Fund | | 234 79 |
| " Special Contributions in aid of Grand Lodge: | | |
| Virgin Lodge | $ 100 00 | |
| Burns " | 100 00 | |
| Welsford " | 66 75 | |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 50 00 | |
| Royal Albert Lodge | 20 00 | |
| Eureka Lodge | 10 00 | |
| | | 346 75 |
| Balance from 1880 acct. | | 25 22 |
| Rent from Lodges | $1756 50 | |
| " Public Hall | 197 00 | |
| | | $1953 50 |
| Total receipts | | $5213 76 |

### Expenditure during the Year.

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| Interest on Mortgages, Debentures, etc. | | $2494 62 |
| City Taxes and Water Rates | | 358 65 |
| Insurance on Hall and old building | | 144 49 |
| Grand Secretary | | 500 00 |
| Printing Grand Lodge Proceedings etc., etc., etc. | $ 164 50 | |
| " Circulars, etc., etc | 59 50 | |
| | | $ 224 00 |
| Stationery, Postage, etc. | | 36 96 |
| Diplomas | | 93 75 |

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|---|---|---|
| Janitor, one year's salary | | $ 156 00 |
| Fuel acct. | $ 190 20 | |
| Gas " | 138 00 | |
| | | $ 328 20 |
| W. & C. Silver's acct. | | 400 70 |
| A. G Maclean, expenses visiting St. Mark's Lodge | | 8 90 |
| Grand Tyler, one year's salary | | 30 00 |
| Geo. Rent's bill,—repairs, furnace, etc | | 20 05 |
| | | $4796 32 |
| Repaid Grand Master loan from Organ Fund | | 234 79 |
| | | $5031 11 |
| Balance on hands | | 182 65 |
| | | $5213 76 |

Your Committee beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge to the necessity of providing funds to meet an amount of about fifteen hundred dollars required to pay interest and other charges against Grand Lodge due in December next, and trust that such action may be taken whereby these payments may be made, without the necessity of calling on the officials of Grand Lodge to become personally liable for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. M. HILL, *Chairman.*
A. E. CURREN.

On motion of W. Bro. William Crowe, seconded by W. Bro. A. Stephen, the report was received and adopted.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. R. G. Monroe offered the following resolution which was, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved,* That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare a full and detailed statement of the financial condition of Grand Lodge, in addition to the financial report already received and adopted, and that the same be distributed.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, from the Special Committee, appointed to arrange Masonic documents, forwarded the following :

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

Your Committee, having appointed Monday in every week for their meetings, have throughout the winter, when the health of the members permitted, worked at the mass of documents entrusted to them ; but they have to report that, as yet, they have only half done their work, and ask for a continuance of another year.

DAVID C. MOORE,
LEWIS JOHNSTONE, } *Committee.*
*June 7th*, 1882. JOHN R. GREEN,

R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser then offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee to arrange the Masonic documents collected by the late M. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe be received and adopted ; and that the request made therein be agreed to by Grand Lodge.

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The following report of the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall was presented to Grand Lodge and read, when, on motion of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, the report was adopted :

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :*

I beg to report that the proceedings of the Board of Trustees during the past year have been most harmoniously conducted. The report of the management being chiefly financial, has been well made by the Secretary of the Trustees, and also by the M. W. Grand Master, and need not therefore be recapitulated by me. It is a matter of regret to the trustees that no disposition has as yet been made of the old Freemasons' Hall property. It is hoped, however, that we may not long have this burden upon us. The trustees have given the refusal of the property at $10,000, until August 1st, to a reliable gentleman of this city, and it is earnestly hoped that his efforts may accomplish the desired result. The new Hall requires repairs : the Public Hall is so shabby that it is not yielding as large a revenue as might be expected. The resolution passed at this Grand Lodge for the proper organization of the Board, will provide the necessary authority to the Board for the discharge of its important duty.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. WOODILL, *Chairman.*

# REPORT OF BRO. W. A. HESSON,

## SECRETARY OF TRUSTEES.

TRUSTEES OF FREEMASONS' HALL, *in account with* WILLIAM A. HESSON.

| 1881. | | DR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 27. | Paid Grand Treasurer | | $ 417 50 |
| Dec. 5. | " " | | 409 50 |
| " 17. | " " | | 65 50 |
| 1882. | | | |
| Mar. 7. | " " | | 125 00 |
| May 12. | " " | | 423 50 |
| " 26. | " " | | 63 50 |
| " 31. | " " | | 252 00 |
| June 1. | Balance brought down | | 790 00 |
| | | | $2546 50 |

| 1881. | | CR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 1. | To amount of rent due by Lodges | | 970 50 |
| Nov. 1. | " " " | | 825 50 |
| 1885. | | | |
| June 1. | Due by Lodges to date | | 750 50 |
| | | | $2546 50 |

| 1882. | PUBLIC HALL. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 12. | To paid Grand Treasurer | | $ 197 00 |
| Proceeds of Public Hall | | 230 00 | |
| Less paid Janitor | | 32 50 | |
| | | | $ 197 00 |

| 1882. | ASSETS. | |
|---|---|---|
| June 1. | Rent due by Lodges to date | $ 790 00 |
| " | Rent to date for old Freemasons' Hall on Barrington Street | 70 00 |
| " | Rent due on Public Hall | 20 00 |
| | | $880 00 |

W. A. HESSON,
*Sec'y of Trustees.*

*June 1st*, 1882.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. Dempster, the above Financial Statement was received and adopted.

## REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on the Address of the M. W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia, beg leave to report thereon as follows:

Your Committee join with the Grand Master in expressing their regret that the Lodges have not increased in membership during the past twelve months, although we are glad to learn from him that the inner working of the Craft leaves little to be desired. We regret that any Lodge has been compelled to relinquish its Charter; but we believe that it is sometimes a wiser step than to struggle on without the strength necessary to maintain its efficiency.

As the whole subject connected with the financial condition of Grand Lodge will be considered on the report of the Committee on Finance and Audit, your Committee deem it unnecessary to comment upon this part of the Grand Master's Address.

Your Committee feel gratified to notice that not only has harmony prevailed within our own borders, but that our relations with other Sovereign Bodies have been so amicable and fraternal. We r ice that in common with the Grand Master we are not called upon to record the death of any officer of this Grand Lodge; but we can appropriately sympathize with our great neighboring nation in the loss of its Chief Magistrate, of whom we were proud as an active Mason. We agree with the Grand Master's suggestion that a memorial page in our Proceedings be allotted to that distinguished Brother, as well as to the memory of our esteemed Representative near our Sister Grand Lodge of Canada, the late M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M. of Canada, whose loss we deplore in common with all our Brethren in British North America.

We regret that the business engagements of the Grand Master prevented his visitation of Lodges beyond No. 1 District; but we are gratified to be informed that much pleasing progress has been manifested in Masonic work, ritualistic and otherwise; and that the taste displayed in decoration and the introduction of music has added to the attractiveness of the ceremonies. Your Committee fully recognize the value of efficient supervision of our Lodges by D. D. G. Masters, but fear that a multiplication of those important officers may tend to derogate from the dignity of their position.

We would submit that the views of the Grand Master with reference to Concord Lodge, No. 24, should be considered by Grand Lodge, and that such action be taken thereon, as may be necessary.

The several official acts reported by the M. W. Grand Master are submitted for record, and we are glad to note that there is a tendency to keep up the good old custom of observing St. John's Day.

We are deeply concerned to learn the serious loss which New Caledonia, No. 11, sustained by the destruction of the Masonic Hall, Pictou, by fire in November last. We are glad that the M. W. Grand Master saw his way to permit this Lodge to continue its working and would, if necessary, ask Grand Lodge to legalize his action as requested. As the Constitution does not appear to strictly provide for similar emergencies, we recommend that the necessary regulations may be formulated to meet such cases, and we further recommend the issue of a new Charter to the Lodge.

We are glad to notice that the ceremony of laying the foundation stones of public edifices with Masonic honors, is gaining ground.

We support the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that the members of St. John's and Virgin Lodges be permitted to adopt and wear a Jewel in commemoration of the attainment of their one hundredth anniversary.

Your Committee endorse the views of the Grand Master in declining to consider the application contained in the communication from Newton Brook, Ontario. As the Grand Master stated in 1878, the inconvenience of the Grand Lodge holding Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario retaining the title of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," is again showing itself, and we trust that that Grand Lodge will see proper to designate itself by its territorial Jurisdiction rather than by a name which covers the Jurisdiction of several Sovereign Bodies in the Dominion.

We recommend that the circular from Bulgaria be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We regret that the Grand Master cannot avail himself of the fraternal invitation of the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania; but we recommend that the most cordial congratulations of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

We support the views of the M. W. Grand Master, that a Past Master who may hold any other office in the Lodge, does not thereby disqualify himself from the discharge of any duties which are within his competence as a Past Master.

Your Committee agree with the M. W. Grand Master that such resolutions as he refers to cannot be too accurately or distinctly defined.

We recommend for approval the action taken in regard to the disposition of the Organ Fund.

We recommend approval of the names of brothers who have been appointed to represent the Grand Lodge near other Jurisdictions.

Your Committee would notice, that the zeal and interest always taken by the M. W. Grand Master in Freemasonry, show forth as earnestly in the lengthy address he has delivered as in the actual expression of the kindly feelings to which he has given utterance. We would unite in his hope, which will bear repetition "that under the guidance of the Supreme Grand Master, our efforts and deliberations will result honorably to ourselves, and to the important trusts which are under our control and management."

J. WIMBURN LAURIE, *P. G. M.*
LEWIS JOHNSTONE, *P. D. G. M.*
G. T. SMITHERS, *P. G. W.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. L. F. Darling, seconded by W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committe on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 8th, 1882.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Bro. William Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

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## APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Special Committee on Finance, in connection with the resolution moved by W. Bro. R. G. Monroe, during the afternoon Session, and adopted :—M. W. Bro. William Taylor, R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, and W. Bro. A. Stephen.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, from the Special Committee on the Reports of the District Deputies, presented the following, which was received, and on motion of W. Bro. W. D. McKenzie, seconded by W. Bro. H. E. Jefferson, adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report, that they have examined the papers, and find nothing of importance to remark upon which has not been placed before Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master in his Address, except that portion referred to by the District Deputy for No. 1, with reference to St. Andrew's Lodge. While approving of the action of the District Deputy in bringing it before Grand Lodge, we regret that the W. Master of No. 1 should have thought it necessary to adopt such an expediency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. COSSMANN.
A. H. WOODILL.
C. F. COCHRAN.

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## CHARLES R. BORDEN TO BE AGAIN SUMMONED.

The usual summons to appear and show cause why expulsion should not be pronounced against Bro. Charles R. Borden, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, having been issued in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge of last year, (See Proceedings 1881, page 46), but having failed to reach the brother, W. Bro. D. C. Fraser submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the matter of the recommendation of King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, be deferred till the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary cause the necessary notice to be served on brother Charles R. Borden, according to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; he having failed to ascertain the brother's residence during the past year.

## THANKS FROM NEW CALEDONIA.

W. Bro. W. F. Tanner, on behalf of the brethren of his Lodge, tendered to Grand Lodge the thanks of New Caledonia Lodge, for the generous gift of a new Charter from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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## CHANCEL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STELLARTON, CORNER STONE.

R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, M. D., Past Deputy Grand Master, having been authorized by the M. W. Grand Master to lay the Corner Stone of the Chancel of Christ Church, Stellarton, with the usual Masonic Ceremonies, submitted the following report:

*To William Taylor, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I beg leave to report that in obedience to your instruction, and armed with the authority conveyed to me under your hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 16th day of August, A. D. 1881, A. L. 5881, I called to my aid a sufficient number of well-approved Past Master Masons and Master Masons, at Stellarton, and with their assistance, and in the presence of a large number of brethren of the Craft, and other spectators, did on the 20th day of August, lay the Corner Stone of the Chancel of Christ Church, Albion Mines, according to the most ancient custom of the Craft in all ages.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS JOHNSTONE, *P. D. G. M.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, it was

*Resolved*, That the report just read be received and adopted.

## ABANDONMENT OF CLAIMS FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following Representatives voluntarily and very generously relinquished their claims for travelling expenses, viz.:

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| D. Lawlor, | from | "Royal Albert," | North Sydney, | for 1880. |
| W. Proctor, | " | "Royal Albert," | " " | for 1881. |
| J. McPhail, | " | "Sircom," | Whycocomagh, | for 1882. |
| Col. J. Poyntz, | " | "Welsford," | Windsor, | " |
| D. McIntosh, | " | "Acadia," | Pugwash, | " |
| C. F. Cochran, | " | "Kentville," | Kentville, | " |
| J. M. Townshend, | " | "Acacia," | Amherst, | " |
| D. C. Fraser, | " | "Albion," | New Glasgow, | " |
| L. G. DeBlois, | " | "Rothsay," | Bridgetown, | " |
| T. E. Atkins, | " | "North Star," | Londonderry, | " |
| W. D. McKenzie, | " | "Minas," | Parrsboro, | " |
| A. M. Peers, | " | "Wallace," | Wallace, | " |

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## PRIVATE HOSPITALITIES TO BE EXTENDED TO REPRESENTATIVES.

W. Bro. William Ross offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed consisting of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges in the City of Halifax, to make arrangements for the suitable accommodation of Representatives from Subordinate Lodges, who may attend Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication.

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## PERMANENT GRAND CHAPLAIN.

M. W. Bro. Col. J. W. Laurie, submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Bro. R. Avery, R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master, be appointed permanent Grand Chaplain.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. William Taylor, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, installed the following Grand Officers elect:

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| M. W. J. W. Laurie | Grand Master. |
| R. W. D. C. Fraser | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. S. Porter | Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. James Dempster | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. Benjamin Curren | Grand Secretary. |
| R. W. W. V. Murray | Grand Lecturer. |
| V. W. B. H. Landis | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. C. F. Cochran | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. H. E. Jefferson | G. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| V. W. W. D. McKenzie | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| V. W. W. B. Thomas | Grand Organist. |
| V. W. J. W. Heckman | Grand Pursuivant. |
| V. W. J. H. Jost | Grand Steward. |
| V. W. W. Pearce | do. |
| V. W. W. F. Tanner | do. |
| V. W. W. J. Charnley | do. |
| V. W. C. E. Davison | do. |
| V. W. John M. Taylor | Grand Tyler. |

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## VOTES OF THANKS

Were tendered as follows:

On motion of M. W. Bro. Col. J. W. Laurie—

To Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. William Taylor, for ability displayed in conducting the business of the present Annual Communication.

To the Masonic Choir who, under the very able leadership of R. W. Bro. S. Porter, rendered such efficient aid during the installation ceremonies.

To Burns and Keith Lodges for the use of the Blue Room the last two evenings.

And on motion of M. W. Bro. William Taylor—

To the Railway Authorities for reduced rates on railway fares.

## SECTION 25 OF CHAPTER 1 SUSPENDED.

On motion, Section 25 of Chapter 1 of the Constitution was unanimously suspended to enable the M. W. Grand Master to select the different Standing Committees and District Deputies, after the close of this Annual Communication.

On motion of R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue to the Subordinate Lodges, a sheet containing the amendments to the Constitution adopted at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of motion to amend the Constitution at the next Annual Communication was given as follows:

By R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann, to amend Section 10 Chapter 4, so that it shall read:

SECTION 10.—Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report to the M. W. Grand Master, at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by the Rev. Bro. F. R. Murray, of Virgin Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A. D., 1883, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*Grand Secretary.*

## APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master has made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials.*

T. A. Cossmann, J. W. Longley, B. H. Landis.

*On Constitution and Regulations.*

C. J. McDonald, D. McDougall, J. Ellis.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

W. F. McCoy, L. F. Darling, W. Ross.

*On Finance and Audit.*

D. C. Fraser, E. E. Tupper, C. E. Davison.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

Rev. D. C. Moore, T. B. Flint, L. Johnstone.

*On Library and Reading Room.*

B. Curren, J. Gossip, A. K. Mackinlay.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

First District, R. W. Alexander Stephen, Jr., Halifax.
Second District, R. W. J. R. Wyman, Yarmouth.
Third District, R. W. T. R. Harris, Aylesford.
Fourth District, R. W. C. J. Townshend, Amherst.
Fifth District, R. W. C. Crewe-Read, Sydney, C. B.

# RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

**For the year ending June 1st, A. D. 1882—A. L. 5882.**

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. M. BROOKFIELD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. CROWE ..... *Senior Warden.*
H. McC. HART ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. TRENAMAN ..... *Treasurer.*
W. R. COGSWELL ..... *Secretary.*
T. H. FRANCIS ..... *Senior Deacon.*
F. B. SANFORD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
R. THEAKSTON ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. G. CUNNINGHAM ..... *Senior Steward.*
F. W. JUBIEN ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Woodill, P. G. W.
J. W. Scott.
T. S. Lownds.
R. C. Hamilton.
A. H. Woodill, P. D. G. M.
J. Dempster, G. T.
T. Trenaman.
J. H. Jost, G. St.
J. C. Cahill.
Rev. J. D. H. Browne, G. C.
S. Porter, J. G. W.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. C. CARTER.....*Worshipful Master.*
S. TROTT.....*Senior Warden.*
C. F. VOSE.....*Junior Warden.*
J. KERR.....*Treasurer.*
L. A. BARNABY.....*Secretary.*
W. INGLIS.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. C. NASH.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. MARTIN.....*Inner Guard.*
REV. R. MORRISON.....*Senior Steward.*
F. A. HAMILTON.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.
J. Martin, G. S. of W.
J. W. Laurie. G. Master.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.
A. K. Mackinlay, P. G. W.
C. F. Vose.
E. M. Veith.
W. Inglis.
W. F. MacCoy.
G. Anderson.
D. Robertson.

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## VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. ROSS.....*Worshipful Master.*
A. M. SCOTT.....*Senior Warden.*
L. D. WIER.....*Junior Warden.*
W. A. HESSON.....*Treasurer.*
C. W. TUPPER.....*Secretary.*
C. J. SPIKE.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. F. MITCHELL.....*Junior Deacon.*
F. B. MARTER.....*Inner Guard.*
W. L. BROWN.....*Senior Steward.*
H. C. CREIGHTON.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.
R. T. Roome.
B. Curren, P. G. W., G. Secretary.
J. Gossip, P. G. W.
T. Mowbray.
C. C. Vaux.
C. E. Puttner.
A. Stephen, Dist. D. G. M.
A. E. Curren.
J. Hicks.
J. Hudson.
J. Crossland.

## UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

### LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. J. RUDOLF ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. B. COLDWELL ..... *Senior Warden.*
A. ETTER ..... *Junior Warden.*
H. S. JOST ..... *Treasurer.*
C. J. DOWLING ..... *Secretary.*
W. A. ZWICKER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. R. ROMKEY ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. M. M. RUDOLF ..... *Inner Guard.*
C. ARENBURG ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. TOWNSHEND ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. GRAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. S. Jost. E. H. Solomon.
D. M. Owen.

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## ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

### NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. C. FRASER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. K. FRASER ..... *Senior Warden.*
S. M. McCURDY ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McGILLIVRAY ..... *Treasurer.*
R. GRANT ..... *Secretary.*
J. H. CAVANAGH ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. P. McKAY ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. DOUGLAS ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. S. McKAY ..... *Senior Steward.*
R. A. WALKER ..... *Junior Steward.*
T. SULLIVAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. J. Cameron. G. A. Douglas.
A. M. Holmes. A. Fraser.
J. F. McDonald. A. McQueen.
K. McLeod. J. McGillivray.
P. R. Meikle. H. T. Sutherland.
R. A. Walker.

## ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 6.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. McDOUGALL.....*Worshipful Master.*
G. TAYLOR.....*Senior Warden.*
B. PRITCHARD.....*Junior Warden.*
T. P. JOST.....*Treasurer.*
W. HOLLOWAY.....*Secretary.*
D. L. JOHNS.....*Senior Deacon.*
F. WARD.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. FOSTER.....*Inner Guard.*
J. McLEARN.....*Senior Steward.*
F. ENEFER.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. M. Taylor, G. Tyler.
W. H. Tulley, P. G. W.
W. Holloway, P. G. W.
J. McLearn.
G. McKenzie.
E. Fultz.
D. L. Johns.
G. J. Fluck.

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

### SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 499, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. PATTERSON.....*Worshipful Master.*
T. W. PUBLICOVER.....*Senior Warden.*
J. A. BURNS.....*Junior Warden.*
A. J. McDONALD.....*Treasurer.*
D. MATHESON.....*Secretary.*
B. McKETTRICK.....*Senior Deacon.*
T. HARROLD.....*Junior Deacon.*
N. MUGGAH.....*Inner Guard.*
R. McSWEEN.....*Senior Steward.*
G. B. ARMSTRONG.....*Junior Steward.*
K. McKENZIE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M.
N. L. McKay.
M. Dodd.
A. D. McGillivray.
J. McKenzie.
D. Matheson.
A. G. McLean, P. S. G. W.
A. McLeod.

## ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

### AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. T. CHAPMAN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. M. TOWNSHEND ..... *Senior Warden.*
N. CURRY ..... *Junior Warden.*
F. A. WILSON ..... *Treasurer.*
A. DAVISON ..... *Secretary.*
E. J. LAY ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. BLACK ..... *Junior Deacon.*
G. G. BIRD ..... *Marshal.*
R. PUGSLEY ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. W. WARMUNDE ..... *Junior Steward.*
C. BROWNELL ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

J. Hill
N. Tupper, P. G. W.
C. J. Townshend, Dist. D. G. M.
C. R. Smith.
J. White.
J. A. Dickey.
W. I. Moffat.
A. B. Etter.

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## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

### LIVERPOOL.

Formerly No. 562, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. C. PARKER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
F. F. FORBES ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. B. MIDDLEMASS ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. M. COLE ..... *Treasurer.*
A. L. WEST ..... *Secretary.*
R. McLEOD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
P. BOWEN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
S. C. WEST ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. E. BUCHANAN ..... *Senior Steward.*
F. PUTNAM ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. LAING ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cobb.
J. M. Cole.
D. Buchanan.
J. N. S. Marshall.
W. Knaut.
E. J. Thomson.
W. T. B. Fraser.
J. Edgar.

## BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352 R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. ELLIS ..... *Worshipful Master.*
C. BUCKSEY ..... *Senior Warden.*
G. S. INNIS ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. FORTUNE ..... *Treasurer.*
A. WADDELL ..... *Secretary.*
W. E. TAYLOR ..... *Senior Deacon.*
F. DEAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. OVERY ..... *Marshal.*
J. C. LLOY ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. J. S. SATTERLY ..... *Junior Steward.*

PAST MASTERS:

Robert Brechin, P. D. G. M. (Hon.)
William Taylor, Past G. Master.
James Fortune.
David Pottinger, P. G. W.
Alex. Waddell.
W. A. Garrison.
S. Mosher.
J. T. Clarke.
G. E. Charles.
J. R. Bennett.
O. Jones.
Rev. R. Wainwright.
W. A. McKenzie.
J. H. Balcam.

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## NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

### PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. F. TANNER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
R. HOCKIN ..... *Senior Warden.*
M. MORRISON ..... *Junior Warden.*
F. W. FRASER ..... *Treasurer.*
G. E. JOHNSTONE ..... *Secretary.*
C. E. TANNER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. D. CARLETON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
A. C. HENDERSON ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. R. DAVIES ..... *Senior Steward.*
D. M. GELDERT ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. BROWN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

R. Tanner.
J. A. Gordon.
G. R. Davies.
J. J. Davis.
T. Robley.
J. R. Davies.
T. Tanner.
H. Kirkwood.
K. J. McKenzie.

## HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. W. REID.....*Worshipful Master.*
T. V. B. BINGAY.....*Senior Warden.*
L. ROGERS.....*Junior Warden.*
J. R. WYMAN.....*Treasurer.*
T. B. CROSBY.....*Secretary.*
A. ROGERS.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. D. ROSS.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. SLEETHE.....*Inner Guard.*
C. E. TRASK.....*Senior Steward.*
A. C. HUTCHINSON.....*Junior Steward.*
B. B. SMITH.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

T. V. B. Bingay.
A. J. Hood.
C. Christie.
J. W. Bingay.
F. L. Hatfield.
A. S. Hood.
J. Lawson.
J. R. Wyman, D. D. G. M.
T. B. Crosby.
T. E. Corning.

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## ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 28, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. MACKINTOSH.....*Worshipful Master.*
D. CAMPBELL.....*Senior Warden.*
E. KING.....*Junior Warden.*
H. C. BLACK.....*Treasurer.*
D. MACAULAY.....*Secretary.*
J. S. CAMPBELL.....*Senior Deacon.*
R. SMITH.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. E. WARNER.....*Inner Guard.*
A. MITCHELL.....*Senior Steward.*
W. N. SEAMAN.....*Junior Steward.*
G. McKINNON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. C. Black.
D. Macaulay.
R. Smith.
E. King.

## ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. C. ALLEN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. A. HALLIBURTON ..... *Senior Warden.*
T. G. CREELMAN ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. D. SPIKE ..... *Treasurer.*
H. D. MUNRO ..... *Secretary.*
J. D. STEWART ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. C. McMILLAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. K. BENT ..... *Inner Guard.*
W. V. SMITH ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. W. RUHLAND ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Fraser.
J. Sutherland.
A. McLeod.
J. W. Ruhland.
T. D. Spike.
J. K. Bent.
O. M. Hill.

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## ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

B. H. LANDIS ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. MOSHER ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. H. DOW ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McINNIS ..... *Treasurer.*
W. WILLIAMS ..... *Secretary.*
L. J. FILES ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. F. ELLIOTT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. E. M. TAYLOR ..... *Marshal.*
T. V. WOOLRICH ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. L. ARCHIBALD ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. J. McDonald, P. D. G. M.
J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.
W. Williams, P. G. W.
J. J. Stewart.
A. Carpenter.
T. Mitchell.
J. T. Hamilton.
A. B. Wilmot.

## KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

### HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628 R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. H. PURDY.....*Worshipful Master.*
D. J. MORSE.....*Senior Warden.*
J. H. PURDY.....*Junior Warden.*
A. MARSHALL.....*Treasurer.*
G. NICHOLL.....*Secretary.*
W. G. CLARK.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. GRAHAM.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. W. CLARK.....*Inner Guard.*
T. HARRIS.....*Senior Steward.*
J. H. BENSON.....*Junior Steward.*
D. NICHOLS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Nicholl.
J. Harlow.
J. H. Benson.
J. V. Purdy.
E. E. Tupper, P. S. G. W.
S. Kniffin.
C. E. Hulsman.

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## KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R. S. Established Jan., 1852. Also, No. 3, R. N. S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. W. HECKMAN.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. QUIGLEY.....*Senior Warden.*
D. M. HAZEL.....*Junior Warden.*
W. McNALLY.....*Treasurer.*
J. A. SMITH.....*Secretary.*
W. LYNCH.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. D. ROBERTSON.....*Junior Deacon.*
T. W. ARTHUR.....*Marshal.*
T. PERRIN.....*Senior Steward.*
G. B. GOUGH.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. K. Munnis.
J. T. Wood.
W. McNally.
D. M. Hazel.
W. Lowe.
W. H. Havill.
J. N. Lindsay.
D. F. Douglas.
J. B. Norton.
J. W. Crawford.

## UNION LODGE, No. 18.

HALIFAX.

Formerly 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. T. CHEARNLEY.....*Worshipful Master.*
T. ARTHURS.....*Senior Warden.*
T. J. EWING.....*Junior Warden.*
P. E. McKERROW.....*Treasurer.*
J. JACKSON.....*Secretary.*
W. JONES.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. FLINT.....*Junior Deacon.*
C. DIXON.....*Inner Guard.*
W. B. THOMAS.....*Senior Steward.*
B. N. DAVIS.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. T. Davis.
P. E. McKerrow.
W. B. Thomas., G. O.
C. E. Bracket.
B. N. Davis.
C. F. Biddle.

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## ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 19.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also, No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. J. FORBES.....*Worshipful Master.*
A. R. FORBES.....*Senior Warden.*
T. E. McDONALD.....*Junior Warden.*
D. McKAY.....*Treasurer.*
G. F. M. FORBES.....*Secretary.*
W. PROCTOR.....*Senior Deacon.*
R. McLEARN.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. FORBES.....*Inner Guard.*
R. MUSGRAVE.....*Senior Steward.*
J. D. McDONALD.....*Junior Steward.*
D. SCOTT.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

J. H. Christie.
W. Purves.
J. Vooght.
Wm. Proctor.
D. McKay.
N. Martell.
D. Lawlor.
J. N. Armstrong.

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFVILLE, KING'S CO.

Formerly No 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. S. MURRAY ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. P. SHAFFNER..... *Senior Warden.*
W. CARGEEG ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. B. DAVISON ..... *Treasurer.*
A. BARSS ..... *Secretary.*
G. H. WALLACE..... *Senior Deacon.*
M. PICK ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. W. CALDWELL ..... *Marshal.*
S. R. SLEEP..... *Senior Steward.*
W. HARDWICK ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. C. BLACKADAR..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

J. W. Bigelow.
E. P. Armstrong.
E. N. Payzant.
G. H. Wallace.
J. W. Caldwell.
J. B. Davison.

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## DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

## KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

STELLARTON.

Formerly No. 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. A. WARD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. WIER ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. G. HUDSON ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McQUARRIE ..... *Treasurer.*
J. FRASER ..... *Secretary.*
D. A. DICKSON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
D. D. ROBERTSON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. FRASER ..... *Marshal.*
C. HOLMES ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. G. McKAY ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. G. GRANT ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Maxwell.
L. Johnstone, P. D. G. M.
J. Hudson, P. G. G. M.
J. McQuarrie.
J. D. Ross.
R. Neven.
Rev. D. C. Moore, D. G. M.
W. McKenzie.
A. B. Gray.
J. Denoon.
J. R. Green.

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## CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Also, No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. P. TREFRY ..... *Worshipful Master.*
P. KENNEY ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. C. CUNNINGHAM ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. ATKINSON ..... *Treasurer.*
B. F. COVELL ..... *Secretary.*
Z. NEWELL ..... *Senior Deacon.*
C. NICKERSON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
S. NICKERSON ..... *Marshal.*
L. KENNEY ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. NICKERSON ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. KENNEY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Smith.
B. G. Covell.
A. K. Smith.
B. F. Covell.

## WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY COUNTY.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. PACK.....*Worshipful Master.*
E. R. BAILEY.....*Senior Warden.*
J. N. PETERS.....*Junior Warden.*
C. HICKS.....*Treasurer.*
E. C. BOWERS.....*Secretary.*
G. BOWERS.....*Senior Deacon.*
C. TITUS.....*Junior Deacon.*
T. TITUS.....*Inner Guard.*
M. D. PETERS.....*Senior Steward.*
G. C. HALEY.....*Junior Steward.*
T. WEBBER.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. Hicks.
G. Bowers.
M. D. Peters.
J. D. Payson.
J. D. Sullivan
C. Titus.
E. R. Bailey.

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## WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. D. SHAND.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. CARMICHAEL.....*Senior Warden.*
T. W. COCHRAN.....*Junior Warden.*
D. DAVIS.....*Treasurer.*
H. W. DIMOCK.....*Secretary.*
J. A. WEBB.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. McNEIL.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. M. DIMOCK.....*Inner Guard.*
J. G. ALLISON.....*Senior Steward.*
G. HARVEY.....*Junior Steward.*
S. R. BENNETT.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Lieut. Col. James Poyntz.
W. W. Rickards.
F. W. Dakin, P. G. W.
C. W. Dimock.
J. B. Black.
H. W. Dimock.
A. Blanchard.
J. R. Cowen.
A. S. Sanford.

## WIDOWS' FRIEND LODGE, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, 1874.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. M. DICKIE ..... *Worshipful Master.*
DR. H. P. CLAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. WEST ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. B. BAXTER ..... *Treasurer.*
E. J. LOOMER ..... *Secretary.*
J. H. PALMETER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. M. SANDFORD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. R. HUNTLY ..... *Inner Guard.*
V. GREEN. ..... *Senior Steward.*
R. D. G. HARRIS ..... *Junior Steward.*
C. E. LOCKWOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. M. Dickie.
H. A. Borden.
F. W. Borden, M. D.
A. B. Baxter.
J. H. Palmeter.
G. B. Vaughan.
P. Brown.

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## PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

I. P. FREEMAN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. H. BELL ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. FORD, JR. ..... *Junior Warden.*
R. FREEMAN ..... *Treasurer.*
A. J. FORD ..... *Secretary.*
J. TUPPER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
G. A. HEMEON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
D. MOODY ..... *Inner Guard.*
N. C. FREEMAN ..... *Senior Steward.*
R. SMITH ..... *Junior Steward.*
R. KEMPTON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

N. R. Freeman.
H. B. Hallett.
E. M. Freeman.
Z. Freeman.
G. A. Cleaveland.

## ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

### SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also, No. 6, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. BOWER..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. McKAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
E. A. BOWER. ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. McGILL..... *Treasurer.*
R. A. BRUCE ..... *Secretary.*
W. FRITH ..... *Senior Deacon.*
G. K. HINES ..... *Junior Deacon.*
T. E. RYER ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. E. DOWNIE ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. BETHUNE ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. H. WEST ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

N. W. White.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also, No. 17 R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. L. BROWN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. M. DANE. ..... *Senior Warden.*
C. G. GODFREY. ..... *Junior Warden.*
G. S. TAYLOR ..... *Treasurer.*
T. B. FLINT..... *Secretary.*
H. A. HULSMAN..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. SHREVE ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. H. LEONARD..... *Marshal.*
E. ALLEN..... *Senior Steward.*
C. S. P. ROBBINS ..... *Junior Steward.*
H. PHIPPS ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Johnson.
F. A. Baily.
S. H. Pelton, P. G. W.
T. R. Jolly.
T. B. Flint.
A. J. Cann.
G. S. Taylor.

## ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.

WINE HARBOUR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also, No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. McCONNELL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. SMITH ..... *Senior Warden.*
H. McCUTCHEON ..... *Junior Warden.*
D. A. McKAY ..... *Treasurer.*
J. BALLANTYNE ..... *Secretary.*
R. REID ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. C. STEWART ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. H. ROOD ..... *Inner Guard.*
R. HEWITT ..... *Senior Steward.*
E. CONROY ..... *Junior Steward.*
D. McQUARRIE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Clerke.
R. Rood.
J. C. Sims.
A. C. Stewart.
J. Ballantyne.
W. May.

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## ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. ROBINSON ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. SHEARER ..... *Senior Warden.*
G. B. HARRIS ..... *Junior Warden.*
W. J. SHANNON ..... *Treasurer.*
A. FULLERTON ..... *Secretary.*
A. S. RUGGLES ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. DITMARS ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. P. LYNCH ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. A. McNICHOLL ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. McDORMOND ..... *Junior Steward.*
I. D. HARRIS. ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

G. Whitman, (Hon. Member.)
A. Robinson.
R. L. Hardwick.
R. Harris.
A. B. Cunningham.
S. Hall.

## QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also, No. 10, R. N, S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

W. H. McDONALD ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. D. McKENZIE..... *Senior Warden.*
A. McDONALD ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. FISHER. ..... *Treasurer.*
W. D. R. CAMERON..... *Secretary.*
J. CAMERON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. A. STEWART ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. D. McDONALD. ..... *Marshal.*
D. McMILLAN..... *Senior Steward.*
A. G. McDONALD ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. A. FRASER ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. H. McDaniel.
A. K. White.
J. A. Stewart.
A. Fisher.
J. A. Fraser.
J. Cameron.
W. D. R. Cameron.
J. H. McDonald.
J. D. McDonald.
J. C. Archibald.
R. McLeod.

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## ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also, No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. McDONALD..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. ANDERSON..... *Senior Warden.*
W. H. WATSON ..... *Junior Warden.*
R. ELMSLEY..... *Treasurer.*
J. A. McDONALD ..... *Secretary.*
L. G. CAMPBELL..... *Senior Deacon.*
L. McLEOD..... *Junior Deacon.*
H. McAULAY..... *Inner Guard.*
D. McRAE..... *Senior Steward.*
W. CAIN..... *Junior Steward.*
A. J. McKAY..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. N. CAMPBELL.
W. Kidston.
D. Dunlap.
H. A. Foyle.
J. L. Rice.
D. F. McRae.
S. G. A. McKeen.
L. G. Campbell.

## THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY. C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. McAULAY.....*Worshipful Master.*
R. D. ANDERSON.....*Senior Warden.*
T. JOHNSTONE.....*Junior Warden.*
W. CLARK.....*Treasurer.*
S. A. SPENCER.....*Secretary.*
M. MORRISON.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. BOLIN.....*Junior Deacon.*
M. McKINNON.....*Marshal.*
A. L. ANDERSON.....*Senior Steward.*
R. McKENZIE.....*Junior Steward.*
N. L. QUISTT.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

W. Campbell.
D. McKenzie.
A. L. Anderson.
S. A. Spencer.
W. Clark.
J. Baird.

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## COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

TRURO.

Charter surrendered March 31, 1881.

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## THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. E. DAVISON.....*Worshipful Master.*
T. P. HEALY.....*Senior Warden.*
G. H. JOST.....*Junior Warden.*
H. A. TAYLOR.....*Treasurer.*
R. B. WILCH.....*Secretary.*
W. BANNISTER.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. T. DRYDEN.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. H. JOHNSON.....*Marshal.*
M. LEVY.....*Senior Steward.*
J. E. HAMILTON.....*Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. T. Smithers. P. G. W.
T. A. Cossmann, P. D. G. M.
E. W. Howell.
W. F. Chase
J. W. Howell.
L. F. Darling, P. G. W.
J. R. Foster.
K. J. Dolphin.
M. T. Foster.
W. V. Murray, G. L.
J. W. Longley.

## ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also, No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. A. CURLL.....*Worshipful Master.*
H. THOMPSON.....*Senior Warden.*
A. OAKES.....*Junior Warden.*
R. DAWSON.....*Treasurer.*
W. R. WENTZEL.....*Secretary.*
J. T. POWERS.....*Senior Deacon.*
C. E. KEMPT.....*Junior Deacon.*
————.....*Inner Guard.*
J. H. MOSHER.....*Senior Steward.*
J. S. MORGAN.....*Junior Steward.*
J. McMILLAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. H. Owen.
J. W. Andrews.
J. S. Calder.
J. A. Curll.
W. R. Wentzell.
J. H. Wade.

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## OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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## ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly 1245, R. E. Established October 1865.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

L. G. DeBLOIS.....*Worshipful Master.*
W. M. FORSYTH.....*Senior Warden.*
J. W. CHESLEY.....*Junior Warden.*
E. BENT.....*Treasurer.*
B. STARRATT.....*Secretary.*
A. MORSE.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. W. PIGOTT.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. MURDOCK.....*Inner Guard.*
D. M. FOSTER.....*Senior Steward.*
P. NICHOLSON.....*Junior Steward.*
D. PALFREY.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Rev. H. D. DeBlois, G. C.
J. L. Cox.
W. E. Starratt.
S. K. Morse.
J. Foster.
B. Starratt.
R. C. Starratt.

## EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

### SHEET HARBOUR, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. HALL.....*Worshipful Master.*
F. McMILLAN.....*Senior Warden.*
A. CRUICKSHANK.....*Junior Warden.*
H. DUNN.....*Treasurer.*
T. A. BAKER.....*Secretary.*
R. MARTIN.....*Senior Deacon.*
H. HALL.....*Junior Deacon.*
———— .....*Inner Guard.*
J. LOWE.....*Senior Steward.*
G. DUNN.....*Junior Steward.*
W. HALL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. W. Archibald.
T. A. Baker.
A. Cruickshank.
W. Routledge.

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## TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

### TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

E. B. BAIRD.....*Worshipful Master.*
A. C. McKENZIE.....*Senior Warden.*
C. M. DAWSON.....*Junior Warden.*
J. P. McDONALD.....*Treasurer.*
G. B. LAYTON .....*Secretary.*
H. T. LAWRENCE.....*Senior Deacon.*
S. J. WADDELL.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. W. MILLER.....*Inner Guard.*
G. McLEOD .....*Senior Steward.*
H. COCK.....*Junior Steward.*
R. CUMMING.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. McCallum.
A. C. Page, P. D. G. M.
L. J. Crowe.
W. M. Blair.
G. P. Nelson.
H. T. Lawrence.
L. B. Archibald.
W. E. Logan.
D. A. Fraser.

## POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

### HANTSPORT, HANTS COUNTY.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1767. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. J. MARGESON.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. W. LAWRENCE.....*Senior Warden.*
D. E. NORTH.....*Junior Warden.*
D. T. FAULKNER.....*Treasurer.*
T. G. SUTHERLAND.....*Secretary.*
W. SUTHERLAND.....*Senior Deacon.*
E. DALTON.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. E. BLIGH.....*Inner Guard.*
J. ANDREWS.....*Senior Steward.*
N. LAYTON.....*Junior Steward.*
W. A. PORTER.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Porter.
J. W. Lawrence.
W. E. Bligh.
C. J. Margeson.
W. Sutherland.
Rev. E. Whitman.

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## TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.

### LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

A. McQUARRIE .....*Worshipful Master.*
J. R. BLACKETT .....*Senior Warden.*
J. WELTON.....*Junior Warden.*
A. McPHERSON .....*Treasurer.*
D. McAULAY .....*Secretary.*
N. McKENZIE .....*Senior Deacon.*
D. McVICAR .. .....*Junior Deacon.*
W. McKAY.....*Marshal.*
R. McNEIL.....*Senior Steward.*
J. ADAMSON.....*Junior Steward.*
W. CAMPBELL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. G. McKay, M. D.
W. A. McKeen.
A. McPherson.
J. H. D. Gray.
W. McKay, M. D.
D. McVicar.
W. McLay.
J. C. Mitchell.
W. Campbell.

## SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, CAPE BRETON.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. DUFF. ..... *Worshipful Master.*
A. PHILPOT ..... *Senior Warden.*
P. GRANT ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. McINTOSH ..... *Treasurer.*
A. BAIN ..... *Secretary.*
J. A. CAMPBELL ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. P. GRANT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
F. H. BLANCHARD ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. McDONALD ..... *Senior Steward.*
A. McPHEE ..... *Junior Steward.*
N. MARTIN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. Bain. A. Grant.
P. Grant.

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## PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

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## WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 47.

RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

H. N. FILMORE ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. McKAY ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. VANAMBURGH ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. R. HYATT ..... *Treasurer.*
F. W. PATTON ..... *Secretary.*
R. L. BLACK ..... *Senior Deacon.*
D. W. DIMOCK ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. W. COLBURN ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. C. PHILLIPS ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. McELMAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. MORRISON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Powers. I. W. Snow.
R. L. Black. F. W. Patten.
J. C. Phillips. W. W. Colburn.

## ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

### HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.

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## WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

### WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

M. CONNORS.....*Worshipful Master.*
R. FRASER.....*Senior Warden.*
W. C. McDONALD.....*Junior Warden.*
J. JOHNSTON.....*Treasurer.*
J. REID.....*Secretary.*
A. LORIMER.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. WHITE.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. LORIMER, Jr.....*Inner Guard.*
W. LORIMER, Sr.....*Senior Steward.*
G. SAUNDERS.....*Junior Steward.*
J. ROY.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. E. Jones.
J. Roy.
T. Johnston.
Alexander Lorimer.
J. McNulty.
R. Gray.
W. Gray.
J. McDougald,
D. Carruthers.
J. Wilkes.
J. Roy.
G. Saunders.
A. W. McLeod.
D. Munro.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. SIMMONDS.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. WHITE.....*Senior Warden.*
J. H. AUSTEN.....*Junior Warden.*
J. B. COLEMAN.....*Treasurer.*
C. H. GLADWIN.....*Secretary.*
W. PEARCE.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. RICHARDS.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. ROSS.....*Inner Guard.*
J. HALLIDAY.....*Senior Steward.*
E. GIBSON.....*Junior Steward.*
J. R. PATTERSON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

J. B. C[illegible]
J. R. C[illegible]
J. Graham.
W. Pearce, G. St.
J. A. Bayers.
C. H. Gladwin.
G. A. Green.
J. Halliday, G. St.
A. McKay.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. DAVIDSON.....*Worshipful Master.*
W. K. BENNETT.....*Senior Warden.*
A. LEE.....*Junior Warden.*
T. R. HARRIS.....*Treasurer.*
N. MARGESON.....*Secretary.*
W. E. SAUNDERS.....*Senior Deacon.*
A. WOODWORTH.....*Junior Deacon.*
G. McGREGOR.....*Marshal.*
D. BARTEAUX.....*Senior Steward.*
S. P. CHUTE.....*Junior Steward.*
J. G. ROCKWELL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. Barteau.
D. Davidson.
Rev. R. Avery, P. D. G. M., G. C.
T. R. Harris, D. D. G. M.
H. E. Jefferson, G. D. of C.
W. R. L. Foster.
A. C. VanBuskirk.
H. J. Chute.

## HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

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## KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| R. G. MUNROE | *Worshipful Master.* |
| J. M. KEEN | *Senior Warden.* |
| R. C. CANN | *Junior Warden.* |
| J. DALEY | *Treasurer.* |
| D. J. LONGSTAFF | *Secretary.* |
| J. F. SAUNDERS | *Senior Deacon.* |
| E. EVERETT | *Junior Deacon.* |
| G. A. VIETS | *Inner Guard.* |
| W. BROWN | *Senior Steward.* |
| J. E. GILLILAND | *Junior Steward.* |
| E. C. DODGE | *Tyler.* |

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Stewart.
J. Daley,
G. P. Burton.
A. J. McCallum.
T. C. Shreve.
G. A. Viets.
J. F. Saunders.

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## MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| C. ARCHIBALD | *Worshipful Master.* |
| H. CAMPBELL | *Senior Warden.* |
| S. LANDRY | *Junior Warden.* |
| D. McAULAY | *Treasurer.* |
| J. W. FITZPATRICK | *Secretary.* |
| C. E. REES | *Senior Deacon.* |
| H. WILLIAMS | *Junior Deacon.* |
| F. ANTHONY | *Inner Guard.* |
| C. CARMICHAEL | *Senior Steward.* |
| S. E. PETERS | *Junior Steward.* |
| J. McPHAIL | *Tyler.* |

PAST MASTER:

L. Johnstone, M. D.
C. Archibald.
A. Belloni.
J. W. Fitzpatrick.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE CO.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. H. BRUNT ..... *Worshipful Master.*
L. PERRY ..... *Senior Warden.*
H. C. KELLY ..... *Junior Warden.*
N. SWAINE, (Senr.) ..... *Treasurer.*
J. D. DINSMORE ..... *Secretary.*
G. B. SWAINE ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. McLEAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
A. D. PERRY ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. M. PERRY ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. B. PERRY ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. McLEAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Rufus McKenny. N. Swaine.
S. H. Greenwood.

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## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. FRASER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
C. A. CRITTENDEN ..... *Senior Warden.*
M. McLEAN ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. PEEPLES ..... *Treasurer.*
W. H. WYLDE ..... *Secretary.*
J. J. CRITTENDEN ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. H. McDONALD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
———— ..... *Inner Guard.*
W. McKAY ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. FERGUSON ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. McKAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

D. Murray. W. H. Wylde.
J. Fraser.

## KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. M. CARRUTHERS ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. E. MULLONEY ..... *Senior Warden.*
S. KILLAM ..... *Junior Warden.*
C. F. COCHRANE ..... *Treasurer.*
H. A. PRAT ..... *Secretary.*
W. J. ROSS ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. L. BISHOP ..... *Junior Deacon.*
L. DEV. CHIPMAN ..... *Inner Guard.*
G. F. BLANCHARD ..... *Senior Steward.*
G. FORSYTH ..... *Junior Steward.*
P. SMITH ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

G. R. Sangster.
H. Shaw, P. G. W.
J. P. Chipman.
R. S. Masters.
L. DeV. Chipman.
W. Grierson.
C. F. Cochrane. J. G. D.
W. H. Chipman.

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## MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

Consolidated with Albion Lodge, No. 5, August 27, 1881.

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## LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG CO.

Charter surrendered June, 1874.

## CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

CHESTER, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. SMITH.....*Worshipful Master.*
W. LAVERS.....*Senior Warden.*
C. CLARKE.....*Junior Warden.*
C. LOVETT.....*Treasurer.*
D. EVANS.....*Secretary.*
H. STANFORD.....*Senior Deacon.*
C. MILLETT.....*Junior Deacon.*
H. WINDROW.....*Marshal.*
A. FADER.....*Senior Steward.*
W. LANTZ.....*Junior Steward.*
A. EVANS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. D. Clarke, P. G. W. W. Lavers.
A. Hiltz.

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## TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. E. CHURCHWARD.....*Worshipful Master.*
G. J. LOCKE.....*Senior Warden.*
A. DAY.....*Junior Warden.*
L. C. JOHNSON.....*Treasurer.*
J. E. RICHARDSON.....*Secretary.*
C. RINGER.....*Senior Deacon.*
J. FIRTH.....*Junior Deacon.*
————.....*Inner Guard.*
S. LOCKE.....*Senior Steward.*
J. McGINN.....*Junior Steward.*
W. McMILLAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

M. Brown. W. Johnston.
L. McDonald.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. A. HILL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. LEWIS ..... *Senior Warden.*
R. McLEOD ..... *Junior Warden.*
A. FOUNTAIN ..... *Treasurer.*
REV. T. B. LAYTON ..... *Secretary.*
J. M. SPENCER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. G. PEPPARD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. L. PEPPARD ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. A. FRASER ..... *Senior Steward.*
C. J. NELSON ..... *Junior Steward.*
S. LINDSAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. Peppard, M. D. G. Leavitt.
S. Lindsay. A. Flemming.
D. F. Layton.

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## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

ARICHAT, CAPE BRETON.

pensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. R. CUTLER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
G. CLOUGH ..... *Senior Warden.*
G. J. ANDREW ..... *Junior Warden.*
E. E. BINET ..... *Treasurer.*
P. GRUCHY ..... *Secretary.*
P. CAMPBELL ..... *Senior Deacon.*
F. McPHERSON ..... *Junior Deacon.*
M. J. MURPHY ..... *Marshal.*
N. McLEOD ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. V. SHAW ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. McDONALD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. R. Cutler. P. Campbell.
J. G. Clough. G. J. Andrew.
J. R. Thomson.

## FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Charter forfeited by resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1879.

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## SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. McKENZIE.....*Worshipful Master.*
E. SWAINE.....*Senior Warden.*
D. McLENNAN.....*Junior Warden.*
J. McINTOSH, M. D.....*Treasurer.*
J. McPHAIL.....*Secretary.*
A. A. MUNRO.....*Senior Deacon.*
H. McDONALD.....*Junior Deacon.*
A. McQUIEN.....*Inner Guard.*
J. N. McDONALD.....*Senior Steward.*
H. McLEAN.....*Junior Steward.*
T. AUSTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

P. A. McLean. L. J. Hart.

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## MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. L. CORBETT.....*Worshipful Master.*
W. COLE.....*Senior Warden.*
J. LAYTON.....*Junior Warden.*
W. J. GIBSON.....*Treasurer.*
D. A. SMITH.....*Secretary.*
J. E. DEAN.....*Senior Deacon.*
R. LIVINGSTON.....*Junior Deacon.*
W. F. JONES.....*Inner Guard.*
R. HUNTLEY.....*Senior Steward.*
C. HOWARD.....*Junior Steward.*
R. E. TUCKER.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. S. Townshend, M. D. W. D. McKenzie.
W. J. Gibson. J. Balcam.

## CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

### HOPEWELL, PICTOU COUNTY.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. FRASER ..... *Worshipful Master.*
D. H. McLEAN ..... *Senior Warden.*
T. McDONALD ..... *Junior Warden.*
D. FRASER ..... *Treasurer.*
H. GRAY ..... *Secretary.*
J. F. McDONALD ..... *Senior Deacon.*
A. McLEAN ..... *Junior Deacon.*
A. ORMISTON ..... *Marshal.*
A. GRANT ..... *Senior Steward.*
F. GRAY ..... *Junior Steward.*
T. MUNRO ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. F. McDonald, M. D., P. G. W.
D. Fraser.
W. Fraser.
T. McDonald.
J. R. McDonald.
A. Ormiston.
A. McN. Grant.

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## CHARITY LODGE, No. 69.

### MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Dispensation granted December 22, 1874. Chartered June, 1876.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. W. WEST ..... *Worshipful Master.*
Z. M. HEYSON ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. HOLMAN ..... *Junior Warden.*
C. GRAY ..... *Treasurer.*
J. HAM ..... *Secretary.*
C. H. ERNST ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. HILTZ ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. REEVES ..... *Inner Guard.*
J. W. MILLS ..... *Senior Steward.*
J. M. RUHLAND ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. ANDREWS ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

S. Burgoyne.
J. W. West.
C. Gray, M. D.
J. W. Mills.

## LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.

SPRING HILL, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. W. COVE ..... *Worshipful Master.*
S. FRASER ..... *Senior Warden.*
R. H. COOPER ..... *Junior Warden.*
J. J. FRASER ..... *Treasurer.*
H. SWIFT ..... *Secretary.*
S. D. FRASER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
W. CONWAY ..... *Junior Deacon.*
H. RILEY ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. E. STEWART ..... *Senior Steward.*
W. T. RYAN ..... *Junior Steward.*
A. J. MUNROE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cove, M. D.
H. Swift.
S. D. Fraser.
A. J. Munroe.
C. B. Hewson.

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## GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.

NEW CALEDONIA. ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. D. MILLS ..... *Worshipful Master.*
W. WILLETT ..... *Senior Warden.*
G. CALNECK ..... *Junior Warden.*
W. ARMSTRONG ..... *Treasurer.*
T. A. CROKER ..... *Secretary.*
W. BOHAKER ..... *Senior Deacon.*
E. R. WILLETT ..... *Junior Deacon.*
W. A. PIGOTT ..... *Inner Guard.*
W. A. PARKER ..... *Senior Steward.*
H. M. IRVINE ..... *Junior Steward.*
R. BLARE ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Willett.
A. J. Mills.
W. Armstrong.
A. W. Bohaker.

## EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.

GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

OFFICERS:

M. C. SCOTT ..... *Worshipful Master.*
L. E. HART. ..... *Senior Warden.*
E. C. PEART ..... *Junior Warden.*
G. W. SCOTT. ..... *Treasurer.*
J. R. HUTCHESON ..... *Secretary.*
G. Y. GRANT..... *Senior Deacon.*
C. J. ATWATER ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. J. SANGSTER ..... *Inner Guard.*
A. J. O. MAGUIRE..... *Senior Steward.*
W. WEBBER ..... *Junior Steward.*
J. J. SANGSTER ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

R. A. Tremain. W. S. Peart.
G. W. Scott. A. Walsh.
J. S. Hutcheson.

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## IONIC LODGE, No. 73.

LAWRENCETOWN ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. FEINDEL ..... *Worshipful Master.*
N. G. CHARLTON ..... *Senior Warden.*
W. W. DODGE..... *Junior Warden.*
D. WHITMAN ..... *Treasurer.*
J. W. TOMLINSON ..... *Secretary.*
W. F. RANDOLPH ..... *Senior Deacon.*
J. H. CHARLTON. ..... *Junior Deacon.*
A. P. DODGE ..... *Marshal.*
T. R. ILSLEY..... *Senior Steward.*
N. H. PHINNEY ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. ROACH ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

F. Leavitt. W. Roach.
T. R. Ilsley.

## NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.

ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. FORMAN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. W. McDONALD ..... *Senior Warden.*
J. A. LOGAN ..... *Junior Warden.*
T. E. ATKINS ..... *Treasurer.*
J. FORMAN ..... *Secretary.*
W. HUTCHINSON ..... *Senior Deacon.*
R. C. R. STEVENS ..... *Junior Deacon.*
J. EZAH ..... *Marshal.*
D. FERGUSON ..... *Senior Steward.*
T. DELAY ..... *Junior Steward.*
W. SMITH ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

I. D. Cooke.
J. Kerr, M. D.
R. Forman.
J. Bryant.
A. Dewar.

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## WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted October 19, 1877. Chartered June 6, 1878.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. B. COLBURN ..... *Worshipful Master.*
J. H. TREEN ..... *Senior Warden.*
C. SCHURMAN ..... *Junior Warden.*
I. J. HINGLEY ..... *Treasurer.*
W. OXLEY ..... *Secretary.*
A. S. McINTOSH ..... *Senior Deacon.*
H. CRAWFORD ..... *Junior Deacon.*
——— ..... *Inner Guard.*
H. S. SMITH ..... *Senior Steward.*
——— ..... *Junior Steward*
J. W. WOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

I. J. Hingley.
W. Oxley.
H. S. Smith.
J. Robb.

## WALLACE LODGE, No. 76.

WALLACE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Dispensation October 24, 1879. Chartered June 2, 1880.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. M. PEERS.....*Worshipful Master.*
J. A. SEAMAN.....*Senior Warden.*
J. A. STEELE.....*Junior Warden.*
J. D. MONRO.....*Treasurer.*
J. T. CHAMBERS.....*Secretary.*
J. H. LANTZ.....*Senior Deacon.*
F. BATTYE.....*Junior Deacon.*
J. H. STEVENS.....*Marshal.*
P. R. PEERS.....*Senior Steward.*
J. M. BAILLIE.....*Junior Steward.*
A. ARCHIBALD.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. McKim. J. D. Monro.

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## HUDSON LODGE, No. 77.

VALE COLLIERY, PICTOU COUNTY.

Dispensation May 15, 1881. Chartered June 7, 1882.

OFFICERS:

J. GREENER.....*Worshipful Master.*
A. SLEIGH.....*Senior Warden.*
R. W. McDONALD.....*Junior Warden.*
A. McKINNON.....*Treasurer.*
G. M. APPLETON.....*Secretary.*
T. W. TURNBULL.....*Senior Deacon.*
W. WIER.....*Junior Deacon.*
H. McKINNON.....*Inner Guard.*
A. W. REID.....*Senior Steward.*
N. CAMPBELL.....*Junior Steward.*
M. McMULLEN.....*Tyler.*

# MASONIC DISTRICTS.

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*R. W.* A. STEPHEN, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's | 1 | Halifax. |
| St. John's | 2 | " |
| Virgin | 3 | " |
| Royal Sussex | 6 | " |
| Burns | 10 | " |
| Acadia | 14 | " |
| Athole | 15 | " |
| Keith | 17 | " |
| Union | 18 | " |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 38 | " |
| Eastern Star | 51 | Dartmouth. |
| Eureka | 42 | Sheet Harbor. |

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*R. W.* J. R. WYMAN, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Westport | 25 | Brier Island. |
| Hiram | 12 | Yarmouth. |
| Scotia | 31 | " |
| Albert | 30 | Shelburne. |
| Concord | 24 | Cape Island. |
| Harmony | 56 | North East Harbor. |
| Taylor | 62 | Lockeport. |
| Zetland | 9 | Liverpool. |
| Prince of Wales | 29 | Milton. |
| Unity | 4 | Lunenburg. |
| Acacia | 39 | Bridgewater. |
| Clarke | 61 | Chester. |
| Charity | 69 | Mahone Bay. |

## THIRD DISTRICT.

*R. W.* T. R. HARRIS, Aylesford, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Keith | 16 | Hillsburg. |
| King Solomon | 54 | Digby. |
| Annapolis | 33 | Annapolis. |
| Rothsay | 41 | Bridgetown. |
| Harmony | 52 | Aylesford. |
| Kentville | 58 | Kentville. |
| Scotia | 28 | Canning. |
| St. George's | 20 | Wolfville. |
| Poyntz | 44 | Hantsport. |
| Welsford | 26 | Windsor. |
| Granville | 71 | New Caledonia. |
| Ionic | 73 | Lawrencetown. |

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*R. W.* C. J. TOWNSHEND, Amherst, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Acacia | 8 | Amherst. |
| Acadia | 13 | Pugwash. |
| Widow's Son | 48 | River Philip. |
| Truro | 43 | Truro. |
| Corinthian. | 63 | Great Village. |
| New Caledonia. | 11 | Pictou. |
| Albion | 5 | New Glasgow. |
| Keith | 23 | Albion Mines. |
| Western Star | 50 | Westville. |
| El Dorado | 32 | Wine Harbor. |
| Queen's | 34 | Sherbrooke. |
| Hiram | 53 | Goldenville. |
| Minas | 67 | Parrsborough. |
| Curren | 68 | Hopewell. |
| Laurie | 70 | Springhill. |
| North Star. | 74 | Acadia Iron Mines. |
| Wimburn | 75 | Oxford. |
| Wallace | 76 | Wallace. |
| Hudson | 77 | Vale Colliery. |

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## FIFTH DISTRICT

*R. W.* C. CREWE-READ, Sydney, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Temple | 57 | Port Mulgrave. |
| St. Mark's | 35 | Baddeck. |
| St. Andrew's | 7 | Sydney. |
| Royal Albert | 19 | " |
| Thistle | 36 | Cow Bay. |
| Tyrian Youth | 45 | Little Glace Bay |
| Morien | 55 | Cow Bay. |
| Solomon | 46 | Port Hawkesbury. |
| Richmond | 64 | Arichat. |
| Sircom | 66 | Whycocomagh. |
| Eastern Light | 72 | Guysborough. |

## SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

New Caledonia.....Sept. 13, 1881 .....Peter McKenzie.

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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

St. John's, No. 2.—February 6, 1882.....A. Cowie.
" " " .....F. Cochran.
" " " .....W. A. Dallas.
" " " .....G. Greenhill.
" " " .....B. Godkin.
" " " .....J. Lawlor.
" " " .....H. J. Marshall.
" " " .....A. McInnis.
" " " .....F. W. Symonds.
" " " .....J. S. Sutherland.
" " " .....W. Wilson.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.—March 2, 1882.....J. Hamilton.
" " " .....J. C. Ross.
Zetland, No. 9.—May 17, 1882 .....A. Woods.
Burns, No. 10.—February, 1882 .....W. Brewitt.
" " " .....J. H. Smith.
" " " .....J. S. Jackson.
" " " .....W. A. Macumber.
" " " .....G. Muhlig.
New Caledonia, No. 11, October 11th, 1881 .....J. Bayless.
" " " .....E. White.
" " " .....J. K. Harris.
" " " .....H. F. Yeatman.
" " February 28, 1882 .....J. H. Campbell.
" " " .....D. McIntosh.
" " October 11, 1881.....J. J. Graham.
" " " .....H. Fraser.
Athole, No. 15.—April 26, 1882 .....J. W. Currie.
" " " .....A. M. Hubley.
Keith, No. 17.—April 13, 1882 .....W. H. Bashford.
" " " .....T. DesB. Ling.
" " " .....T. H. Russell.
Royal Albert, No. 19.—April 17, 1882.....J. W. R. Thompson.
Welsford. No. 26.—July 13, 1881.....G. F. Day.
Scotia, No. 28.—May 4, 1882 .....J. Nicholson.

Scotia, No. 28.—May 4, 1882.....J. W. Gilliatt.
Albert, No. 30.....J. A. McGowan.
" " .....J. Swansburg.
" " .....J. Basty.
" " .....W. McGowan.
" " .....W. Ryer.
" " .....M. Swansburg.
" " .....T. Downie.
" " .....J. Williams.
Eldorado, No. 32.—April 6, 1882.....F. Road.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33.—May 3, 1882.....S. D. Tobias.
" " " " .....E. C. Cowling.
" " " " .....W. C. Carr.
Acacia, No. 39.—April 11, 1882.....S. P. Benjamin.
" " " .....J. Ross.
" " " .....J. J. McLean.
" " " .....A. M. Foster.
" " " .....P. J. Cross.
Rothsay, No. 41.—February, 1882.....E. M. Morse.
" " " .....A. Vidito.
" " " .....S. Farnsworth.
" " " .....J. W. J. Phinney.
" " " .....M. O. Wade.
" " " .....J. L. Marshall.
" " " .....M. G. Marshall.
" " " .....F. C. Harris.
" " March 5, 1881.....G. S. Wild.
Poyntz, No. 44.—April, 1882.....W. G. Parsons.
" " " .....P. Greene.
Widow's Son, No. 48.—December 6, 1881.....C. Purdy.
Western Star, No. 50.—April 25, 1882.....W. Henderson.
" " " .....T. Lawther.
" " " .....J. Henderson.
" " " .....D. A. McKenzie.
" " " .....W. Sutherland.
" " " .....J. Oxenham.
" " " .....J. W. McDonald.
" " " .....A. Murray.
Harmony, No. 52.—May 1, 1881.....A. J. Shaw.
" " " .....J. Foster.
" " " .....S. Swindle.
King Solomon, No. 54.—April 4.....J. B. Oakes.
" " " .....J. A. Vroom.
" " " .....C. H. Morse.
Morien, No. 55.—March 6.....C. Huntingdon.
Harmony, No. 56—March, 1882.....W. Whitney.
" " " .....J. H. Swaine.
" " " .....H. Nickerson.
Minas, No. 67.—February 20, 1882.....A. Hoeg.

Minas, No. 67.—February 20, 1882.....T. H. Smith.
Curren, No. 68.—April 3, 1882.....A. Cox.
" " " .....W. Cox.
" " " .....W. McKenzie.
Granville, No. 71.—August 9, 1881.....J. E. Shafner.
" " May, 9, 1882.....G. F. Bingay.
" " " .....A. D. Parker.
" " " .....A. T. Mills.
" " " .....J. B. McGill.
Ionic, No. 73.—May 1, 1882.....J. M. Dobson.
" " " .....E. T. Keith.
" " " .....R. Merry.
" " " .....J. B. Merry.
North Star, No. 74.—May, 1882.....J. Williams.
" " " .....J. Irving.
" " " .....W. Holwell.
" " " .....A. McCharles.
" " " .....F. J. H. Axford.
Winburn, No. 75.—May 11, 1882.....J. W. Chisholm.
" " " .....J. Berry.

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## REINSTATED.

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Albion, No. 5.—September 6, 1881.....H. H. Henderson.
" " " .....D. McDougald.
Zetland, No. 9.—May 26, 1881.....R. P. Saunders.
" " November 24, 1881.....P. Spinney.
Burns, No. 10.—September, 1881.....A. Rood.
New Caledonia, No. 11.—April 12, 1881.....J. Kitchin.
Hiram, No. 12.—April 3, 1882.....W. F. Roberts.
Athole, No. 15.—January 22, 1882.....J. Brown.
Keith, No. 17.—June 9, 1881.....A. Busby.
St. George's, No. 20.—January 13, 1882.....J. F. Pratt.
Concord, No. 24.—March 13.....P. Kenney.
" " " .....L. Kenney.
" " " .....A. Kenney.
" " " .....S. Nickerson.
Scotia, No. 28.—August 3, 1881.....W. E. Roscoe.
" " April 5, 1882.....B. D. Bigelow.
Prince of Wales, No. 29.—March 14, 1882.....J. Tupper.
Eldorado, No. 32.—January 5, 1882.....J. Jack.
Queen's, No. 34.—October 11, 1881.....S. Hudson.
" " January 10, 1882.....R. W. Suttis.
" " April 11, 1882.....T. Hollis.
" " April 11, 1882.....J. Merritt.

Acacia, No. 39.—May 9, 1882.....N. Wentzel.
Truro, No. 43—December 6, 1882.....G. McLeod.
Western Star, No. 50.—December 29, 1881.....J. Stewart.
" " October, 25, 1881.....A. W. Reid.
Corinthian, No. 63.—March 9, 1882.....M. Doherty.
Minas, No. 67.—June 20, 1881.....A. Davidson.
" " " .....F. Davidson.
" " " .....J. E. Dean.
" " March 20, 1882.....A. F. Hatfield.
Ionic, No. 73.—March 6, 1882.....J. H. Smith.
North Star, No. 74.—March 2, 1882.....J. S. Gilbert.

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## MISSING.

ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.....Peter McL. Morrison.
" " .....George Y. Young.
St. John's, No. 2.....John Main.
" " .....John McDonald.
" " .....J. C. Stone.
" " .....L. E. Tremaine.
" " .....J. E. Wilson.
Unity, No. 4.....G. A. Westhaver.
" " .....J. Heckman.
" " .....S. Silver.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....G. Garland.
" " .....R. Litster.
Acacia, No. 8.....W. McKenzie.
" " .....S. G. McKay.
Burns, No. 10.....W. D. Dunn.
" " .....H. Hacket.
" " .....W. Menzies.
New Caledonia, No. 11.....J. W. Forbes.
" " .....W. H. Ives.
" " .....G. W. Fraser.
" " .....C. H. McLeod.
Royal Albert, No. 19.....H. J. Crandall.
" " .....B. Buffett.
St. George's, No. 20.....J. Cook.
Concord, No. 24.....A. Gould.
Eldorado, No. 32.....J. H. Kennedy.
Queen's, No. 34.....W. T. Bollong.
St. Mark's, No. 35.....J. H. Cahoon.
Eureka, No. 42.....G. Heughen.
Tyrian Youth, No. 45.....A. Henderson.
Harmony, No. 56.....C. A. Swain.
Granville, No. 71.....G. A. Gilliatt.

# AT REST.

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|---|---|---|---|
| James H. Fraser | Albion, No. 5 | Died | —— 1881. |
| Finlay McKaracher | " " | Died | Feb. 7, 1882. |
| James Reynolds | Royal Sussex, No. 6 | Died | May 20, 1881. |
| James M. Mumford | " " | Died | Dec. 31, 1881. |
| A. McDonald. | St. Andrew's, No. 7 | Died | ———— |
| Frank Goodwin | Acacia, No. 8 | Died | Dec. 18, 1881. |
| J. D. Wile. | Zetland, No. 9 | Died | ———— |
| Albert Porter | " " | Died | Feb. 25, 1881. |
| John Rood | Burns, No. 10. | Died | Jan. 1, 1882. |
| John W. Gordon | New Caledonia, No. 11. | Died | May 1, 1881. |
| Joseph R. Hart | Keith, No. 17 | Died | Mar. 28, 1882. |
| Duncan Falconer | Keith, No. 23 | Died | Oct. 6, 1882. |
| Isaac D. Newall | Concord, No. 24 | Died | Sept. —, 1881. |
| Nicholas Harvey | Welsford, No. 26 | Died | Nov. 28, 1881. |
| Elkanah Harvie | " " | Died | May 14, 1882. |
| John A. Purney | Albert, No. 30 | Died | Sept. 5, 1881. |
| John A. Downie | " " | Died | May 15, 1881 |
| George A Hardwick | Annapolis Royal, No. 33 | Died | Oct. 26, 1881. |
| Peter G. Fraser | Acacia, No. 39 | Died | July 5, 1881. |
| Eugene P. Troop | Rothsay, No. 41 | Died | Mar. 25, 1882. |
| James W. Hall | Eureka, No. 42 | Died | Dec. 4, 1881. |
| William McLeod | Truro, No. 43 | Died | Aug. 27, 1881. |
| John McKenzie. | Western Star, No. 50 | Died | May 14, 1881. |
| John K. Swain | Harmony, No. 56 | Died | Apr. 5, 1882. |
| James Dennison | Kentville, No. 58 | Died | —— 1881. |
| Thomas Calder | " " | Died | Sept. 4, 1881. |
| Isaac Barnum | Richmond, No. 64 | Died | Apr. 20, 1882. |
| George Kilsor | Minas, No. 67 | Died | June 20, 1882. |
| John Cooper | Laurie, No. 70 | Died | Dec. 7, 1882. |
| Obed C. Higgins | North Star, No. 74 | Died | Jan. 27, 1882. |

# In Memory

OF

# JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD,

LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Assassinated at Washington, July 2, 1881,*

*Died at Elberon, N. J., Sept. 19, 1881.*

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"An eminent and zealous brother Mason."

"None exceeded the Masonic Body in their deep sorrow and grief at his lamented death."—(*Grand Master's Address.*)

# In Memory

OF

## M. W. BRO. T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

PAST GRAND MASTER

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

AND

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
near the Grand Lodge of Canada,

WHO DIED JANUARY 13, 1882.

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"Whose loss we deplore in common with all our brethren in British North America."—(*Report on the Grand Master's Address.*)

# In Memory

OF

# JAMES M. MUMFORD,

## PAST MASTER OF ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 6,

Who died at Halifax, December 31, 1881.

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"Active as a member of the Board of Trustees of Grand Lodge, a Past Master and Secretary of his Lodge, his loss will be deeply regretted."—(*Dist. Deputy Williams' Address.*)

# RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 7TH, 1882.

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|---|---|
| Chartered Lodges | 66 |
| Lodges failing to make returns at the Annual Communication | 1 |
| Whole Number Initiated | 169 |
| " " Passed | 152 |
| " " Raised | 169 |
| " " Affiliated | 37 |
| " " Dimitted | 155 |
| " " Died | 33 |
| " " Missing | 30 |
| " " Suspended for unmasonic conduct | 1 |
| " " Suspended for nonpayment of dues | 107 |
| " " Reinstated | 34 |
| " " Rejected | 28 |
| " " Master Masons | about 2898 |

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## Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.

*Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's, (Halifax),
St. John's,
Virgin,
Unity,
Albion,
Royal Sussex,
St. Andrew's, (Sydney),
Zetland,
New Caledonia,
Hiram,
Acadia,
Keith, (Hillsburg),
Union.
St. George's,
Keith, (Albion Mines),
Westport,
Welsford,
Widow's Friend,
Scotia, (Canning),
Prince of Wales,
Annapolis Royal,
Thistle,
Cobequid,
Tyrian Youth,
Rothsay,

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns,
Athole,
Keith,
Scotia, (Halifax),
Davies,
Albert,
Concord,
St. Mark's,
Queen's,
The Lodge of St. Mark,
Eureka,
Acacia,
Truro,
Eldorado,
Scotia, (Yarmouth),
Royal Albert,
Solomon,
Acacia,
Poyntz,
Widow's Son,
Orient,
Western Star,
Philadelphia,
Eastern Star,
Harmony.

*Registry of Scotland.*

Athole.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Missing. | Suspended—unmasonic conduct. | Suspended—non-payment of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge Dues. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Andrew's | Halifax. | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | $48 00 |
| 2 | St. John's | Halifax. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 3 | Virgin | Halifax | 5 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 53 25 |
| 4 | Unity | Lunenburg. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 30 75 |
| 5 | Albion. | New Glasgow | 8 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 103 | 77 25 |
| 6 | Royal Sussex | Halifax | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 36 75 |
| 7 | St. Andrew's | Sydney | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 46 50 |
| 8 | Acacia, | Amherst | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 45 75 |
| 9 | Zetland | Liverpool | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 60 | 45 00 |
| 10 | Burns | Halifax | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 106 | 79 50 |
| 11 | New Caledonia | Pictou | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 111 | 83 25 |
| 12 | Hiram | Yarmouth. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 56 | 42 00 |
| 13 | Acadia | Pugwash | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 15 00 |
| 14 | Acadia | Halifax. | 5 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 39 00 |
| 15 | Athole | Halifax | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 36 00 |
| 16 | Keith. | Bear River | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 37 50 |
| 17 | Keith | Halifax | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 28 50 |
| 18 | Union | Halifax | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 46 | 34 50 |
| 19 | Royal Albert | Sydney | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 47 25 |
| 20 | St. George's | Wolfville | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 20 25 |
| 23 | Keith | Albion Mines | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 64 | 48 00 |
| 24 | Concord | Cape Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 16 50 |
| 25 | Westport | Westport | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 12 75 |
| 26 | Welsford | Windsor | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 53 25 |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.—(*Continued.*)

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Missing. | Suspended—unmasonic conduct. | Suspended—non payment of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge Dues. |
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| 28 | Scotia | Canning | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 31 | $23 25 |
| 29 | Prince of Wales | Milton | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 57 | 42 75 |
| 30 | Albert | Shelburne | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 31 | Scotia | Yarmouth | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 38 25 |
| 32 | Eldorado | Wine Harbor | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 21 00 |
| 33 | Annapolis Royal | Annapolis | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 36 75 |
| 34 | Queen's | Sherbrooke | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 77 | 57 75 |
| 35 | St. Marks. | Baddeck, C. B. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 30 75 |
| 36 | Thistle | Cow Bay, C. B. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark | Halifax | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 48 75 |
| 39 | Acacia | Bridgewater | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 33 75 |
| 41 | Rothsay | Bridgetown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 27 00 |
| 42 | Eureka | Sheet Harbor | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 66 | 49 50 |
| 43 | Truro | Truro | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 38 25 |
| 44 | Poyntz | Hantsport | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 20 25 |
| 45 | Tyrian Youth | Litt'e Glace Bay | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 46 | Solomon | Port Hawkesbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 16 50 |
| 48 | Widow's Son | River Philip | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 11 25 |
| 50 | Western Star | Westville | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 86 | 64 50 |
| 51 | Eastern Star | Dartmouth | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 27 75 |
| 52 | Harmony | Aylesford | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 41 25 |
| 53 | Hiram | Goldenville | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| 54 | King Solomon | Digby | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 18 75 |
| 55 | Morien | Cow Bay, C B | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 18 75 |
| 56 | Harmony | North East Harbor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17 25 |

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| 57 | Temple | Port Mulgrave | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | $10 50 |
| 58 | Kentville | Kentville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 00 |
| 61 | Clarke | Chester | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 23 25 |
| 62 | Taylor | Lockeport | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 31 50 |
| 63 | Corinthian | Londonderry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 35 25 |
| 64 | Richmond | Arichat, C. B. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 18 00 |
| 66 | Sircom | Whycocomagh, C. B. | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 67 | Minas | Parrsborough | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 36 | 27 00 |
| 68 | Curren | Hopewell | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 27 75 |
| 69 | Charity | Mahone Bay | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 21 75 |
| 70 | Laurie | Spring Hill | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 14 25 |
| 71 | Granville | New Caledonia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 21 00 |
| 72 | Eastern Light | Guysborough | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 25 50 |
| 73 | Ionic | Lawrencetown | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 74 | North Star | Acadia Mines, Londonderry. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 75 | Wimburn | Oxford | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .... | ... | ..... | 2 | .... | .... | 23 | 17 25 |
| 76 | Wallace | Wallace | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 21 75 |
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| Louisiana | R. W. William Robson | |
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| New Brunswick | M. W. B. Lester Peters | St. John. |
| New York | W. L. J. Belloni | New York. |
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| Tennessee | R. W. George S. Blackie | Nashville. |
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| Virginia | R. W. W. S. Spottiswood | Petersburg. |
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| Kentucky | R. W. Lewis Johnstone | Stellarton. |
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| Maryland | R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore | Stellarton. |
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| Wyoming | W. William Proctor | Sydney, C. B. |
| Grand Orient of Brazil | M. W. Stephen R. Sircom | |
| " " Costa Rica | M. W. William Taylor | Halifax. |

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| England | H. R. H. The Prince of Wales. | Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, London. |
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| Ireland | His Grace, Duke of Abercorn, K.G. | Saml. B. Oldham, D. G. S., Dublin. |
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| Montana | A. J. Davidson, Helena | Cornelius Hedges, Helena. |
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| G. L. of Germany | E. T. P. Meyerhoff | Berlin. |
| G. L. Royal York | C. A. Bouche | Berlin. |
| G. L. Zu den drei Weltkugeln | H. Von Schweinichen | Berlin, |
| G. L. of Saxony | F. G. Stuebler | Dresden. |
| G. L. Zur Eintracht | H. Gessner | Darmstadt. |
| G. L. Zur Sonne | Ludwig A. Redlich | Bayreuth. |
| G. L. New South Wales | Nicholas Weekes | Sydney. |

# APPENDIX No 1.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at ....., by the name and title of ....., and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz.:

A. B.....Worshipful Master.
C. D.....Senior Warden.
E. F.....Junior Warden.
G. H.....Treasurer.
M. N.....Secretary.
O. P.....Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....Junior Deacon.
S. T.....Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V.....
W X..... } Stewards.
Y. Z.....Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures *of all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

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## No. 2.

FORM *of Prory from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge:*

We, the Master, Wardens and members of the Lodge ..... .....No.... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother.....Master Mason of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of.....

[Seal.] A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883.

..... ....Worshipful Master.

..... .....Secretary.

## No. 3.

### PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge No....., R. N. S.*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of.....Lodge, No....under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-Laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry, as admitted among you. My age is....years; my occupation is that of.....; my residence is.....

(Signed,) ..... ..... ...

Recommended by
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..... ..... .....
} The applicant to sign his name in full

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## No. 4.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge ..... .....No.. ...R. N. S.*

I, ..... ....., being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission to this Lodge. I have been rejected in.....Lodge. I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is..... .. ...., my occupation.... .....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D. 188..

(Signed,) ..... .....

Witness.....

Recommended by
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} The applicant to sign his name in full.

## No. 5.

### CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

.....Lodge No.....R. N. S.

DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother..... is a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in .....Lodge, No. ..... Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at..... ; that having expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, in the manner prescribed by Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-laws, leave was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the.....
Day of.....A. D., 188....A. L., 588..
.....Worshipful Master.
.....Senior Warden.
[Seal.] .....Secretary.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergency.

Secretaries of lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the lodges as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute books, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed by the Worshipful Master.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge *for the whole year;* therefore, if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Secretary should not write

4 Diplomas, &c., &c.. &c.
4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c., as is frequently done, but
10 Diplomas, &c., &c.
10 Enrolments, &c., &c.

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *Supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob, or Joseph Smith

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith; the Secretary of the lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John *David* Smith; but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say three or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about 70 lodges in the early part of May, "Please send diplomas *by return mail.*"

In the return of subscribing members, be careful to give first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed*; then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M.; then all the other members. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the 'Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D. 1882—A. L. 5332.

## CHAPTER I.

### OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Secretary.

The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After all the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to

those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz.:

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| Right | Worshipful | Grand | Lecturer. |
| " | " | " | Chaplain. |
| Very | " | Senior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Junior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Grand | Superintendent of Works. |
| " | " | " | Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " | Organist. |
| " | " | " | Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " | Stewards (six). |
| " | " | " | Tyler. |

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and, in their absence, proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the

reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the Representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Senior Grand Warden.
Past Senior Grand Wardens.
Junior Grand Warden.
Past Junior Grand Wardens.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Chaplains.
Senior Grand Deacon.
Junior Grand Deacon.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master or Warden until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively:

On Credentials and Returns.
On Constitution and Regulations.
On Grievances and Appeal.
On Finance and Audit.
On Foreign Correspondence.
On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or a Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in his opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order:—By the Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Master,; Past Senior Grand Warden; Past Junior Grand Warden; The Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master, or Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge, and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently

dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge ; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

SECTION 25. No Rule, By-Law or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

SECTION 26. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all the Grand Lodge property in the City of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose ; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read ; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected, at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*,

unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no Brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother, on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not especially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notices of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13, The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

## CHAPTER III.

### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered

incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge, during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

### OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into five districts, numbered as follows:—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.

No. 2. To include the Western part of the County of Digby and the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg.

No. 3. To include the Eastern part of Digby County and the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants.

No. 4. To include the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish, and the Western part of the County of Guysborough.

No. 5. To include the Eastern part of the County of Guysborough, and the Island of Cape Breton.

SECTION 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the district to which he is elected, and a resident of the district.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and Officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its by-laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, and exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the district of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his district. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

SECTION 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Master of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody; to receive the returns from the several Lodges: and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings; but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the Fraternity.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time, as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business; or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler, or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at

an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct; and any candidate before being declared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been

announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

SECTION 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

SECTION 6. The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present.

SECTION 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

SECTION 8. In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the Chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees.

SECTION 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother, immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge, shall sign the by-laws thereof, and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If, in case of any accident, the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meetings may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the members of the Lodge, and afterwards be recorded in the minute-book; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impres-

sion of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19, No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz. : For the first and second degrees $6 each, for the third degree $8 ; or on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues ; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended -- notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of installation of officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master, or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to 20th day of May in each year; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master; and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

SECTION 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavouring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a brother, except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall any Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

SECTION 38. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of

the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary member as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 42. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodge should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge, or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the

Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported, and if elected he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he be in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will, of course, be the duty of the W. M. to ascertain, before he signs the dimit, that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation. The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its by-laws.

SECTION 50. The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands.

SECTION 51. In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by Grand Lodge.

## CHAPTER XV.

### OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No General Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the Special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are gold and may be described as follows:

*The Grand Master.*—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendent therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circular of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and compasses, the sun in full glory.

*Past Grand Master.*—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°—the points of the compasses resting on the segment,

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square united.
*Senior Grand Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Grand Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Grand Treasurer.*—A chased Key.
*Grand Secretary.*—Key and Pen crossed.
*Grand Lecturer.*—Semi-circle in a triangle.
*Grand Chaplain.*—Eradiated Eye in a triangle.
*Senior Grand Deacon.*—Mallet within a Wreath.
*Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath.
*Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Corinthian column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.
*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*—Crossed Rods with a tie.
*Grand Sword Bearer.*—Crossed Swords.
*Grand Organist.*—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.
*Grand Pursuivant.*—Cross Baton and Sword.
*Grand Tyler.*—A Sword.
*Chairman of Stewards.*—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from collars of blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with Silver. The Jewels shall be of silver, as follows:

*Master.*—The Square.

*Past Master.*—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem. 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendent within it.

*Senior Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Treasurer.*—The Key.
*Secretary.*—The Crossed Pens.
*Deacons.*—The Dove encircled.
*Marshal or Inner Guard.*—Crossed Swords.
*Stewards.*—Cornucopia in a Wreath.
*Tyler.*—The Sword.

SECTION 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Master Mason.*—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.*—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge :—

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| Dispensation to new Lodge | $50.00 |
| Charter to new Lodge | 30.00 |
| Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book | 1.00 |
| Diploma for each member | 1.00 |
| Annual dues for each member | 0.75 |
| Copy of Charter in case of loss | 5.00 |
| Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet | 0.50 |
| Every other sheet | 0.30 |
| Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto | 1.00 |
| Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month | 5.00 |
| Three copies of printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, at 50c. each | 1.50 |

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

ART. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. *(See Standing Regulation 16.)*

ART. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz. : G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Application for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the

time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, shall receive the benefit of this Fund unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7.—A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every General Communication.

### FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ———— years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

.....W. *Master.*
[Seal.] .....*S. Warden.*
.....*J. Warden.*
[Date] .....*Secretary.*

## CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

## STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot. —[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alteration made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expresssion of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee, when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a brother affiliating from another Lodge *under this Jurisdiction*.—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. Repealed.—[See Proceedings 1880, page 53.]

14. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favourable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a dispensation or Charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced: the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October, and the 30th April in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, a correct report of receipt and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings, 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected at any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge.—[Proceedings 1878, page 60.

23. *Resolved*, That the words "*ten miles in every direction*" in section 42, chapter 14, of the Constitution, mean a radius of ten miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*, That the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their Reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table, within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Resolution No. 5.—[Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

25. *Resolved*, That the Investigating Committee are appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the character and antecedents of the

candidate, for the information and guidance of the Brethren of the Lodge. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report favorably or unfavorably, according to the judgment of its members; but the report is made within the four walls of the Lodge, and no further record should be made in the Minutes than that the Investigating Committee reported. The words favorably or unfavorably should not be entered in the Minutes.—[Proceedings 1879, page 27.]

26. *Resolved*, That an application for a Dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case require immediate action.—[Proceedings 1880, page 40.]

27. *Resolved*, That, in future, Grand Lodge prevent the incorporation of its subordinate Lodges.—[Proceedings 1880, page 46.]

28. *Resolved*, That all cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.—Proceedings 1871, page 41.

29. *Resolved*, That a brother holding the position of Warden of a subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed.—[Proceedings 1881, page 43.]

30. *Resolved*, That permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes.—[Proceedings 1881, page 44.]

# REPORT

OF THE

# Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:

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| Alabama | 1881 | Nevada | 1881 |
| Arkansas | 1881 | New Brunswick | 1881 |
| British Columbia | 1881 | New Brunswick | 1882 |
| California | 1881 | New Hampshire | 1881 |
| Canada | 1881 | New Jersey | 1882 |
| Colorado | 1881 | New South Wales | 1881 |
| Connecticut | 1882 | New York | 1881 |
| Delaware | 1881 | North Carolina | 1881 |
| District of Columbia | 1881 | Ohio | 1881 |
| Idaho | 1881 | Oregon | 1881 |
| Illinois | 1881 | Pennsylvania | 1881 |
| Indian Territory | 1881 | Prince Edward Island | 1881 |
| Iowa | 1881 | Quebec | 1881 |
| Kentucky | 1881 | Rhode Island | 1881 |
| Louisiana | 1881 | Texas | 1881 |
| Maine | 1881 | Utah | 1882 |
| Manitoba | 1882 | Vermont | 1881 |
| Maryland | 1881 | Virginia | 1881 |
| Massachusetts | 1881 | West Virginia | 1881 |
| Michigan | 1882 | Washington Territory | 1881 |
| Missouri | 1881 | Wisconsin | 1881 |
| Montana | 1881 | | |

## ALABAMA—1881.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama commenced its sixty-first Annual Grand Communication in the City of Montgomery, Dec. 5th, A. L. 5881.

M. W. H. Clay Tompkins, G. M., presided. His address is an excellent one, interesting, straightforward, and business-like; attractive from its literary style, and forcible in statement of fact or opinion. He congratulated his brethren on the favourable auspices under which they met, and joins with them in earnest sorrow over those who had passed away during the year,—sketching with a kind and fraternal hand the character of such deceased brethren as J. H. Joiner, who died in September, 1881, and who seems to have impressed his elevated moral and intellectual qualities upon the Craft in the jurisdiction of Alabama.

The Grand Master takes pleasure in reporting the uninterrupted continuance of the most cordial and fraternal relations with sister jurisdictions, and refers to the fact that during the year he had received the resignation of Brother Robert C. Fraser, representative of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, tendered on account of his removal from that jurisdiction. The G. M. announces twenty-four decisions given during the year, some of which we cannot see the necessity for, seeing they only confirm well-understood and sound principles of Masonic law—but with all of which we heartily agree.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a special report on the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, wherein, after a succinct and able review of the history of the "creditably persistent effort on the part of the Brethren of Australia," they strongly urge the claims of that Grand Lodge to fraternal recognition. Their report was adopted, and the new Grand Lodge was heartily welcomed among the sisterhood of Grand jurisdictions in a suitable resolution.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, among the ablest we have the pleasure of reading. It quotes the valuable Masonic statistics tabulated by Bro. Drummond, of Maine, and very fully, kindly, and thoroughly reviews the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, among them that of Nova Scotia. The review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge is a full one—quoting at some length

the observations of Grand Master Laurie, particularly with reference to his visit to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Grand Master, Rufus Mills Cobb; Grand Secretary, Daniel Sayre re-elected.

Lodges, 280; Members, 8,197.

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## ARKANSAS—1881.

Grand Annual Communication held at Little Rock, Nov. 22, 1881 M. W. J. H. Van Hoose, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

The Grand Master's address is a beautiful prose composition; but the author is a poet at heart—as is specially shown in his references to the "effects of the extreme cold of winter and heat and drought of the summer which will long be felt in Arkansas,"—and he is a Mason "*right through*." Witness these words:

"Brethren, we are too selfish—living too much for our own ease and comfort—too much for the present, and not enough for the future. There is a grand work to be accomplished, and it is time we were becoming aroused to the importance of doing our whole duty as Masons. One brother says, I never fail to pay my dues, visit the sick brother, respond to the call of a brother's widow or orphans. You do well in providing food and shelter for a brother's orphans, and looking after all their bodily wants and comforts, but you should remember that minds and souls that are immortal are starving. The body must, in a few years at best, return to the dust; but the mind and soul will live on and on throughout eternity.

"Only a few months ago I met and became acquainted with a bright-eyed intelligent young lady, whose home was in Missouri. She was engaged in an honorable and profitable business, making an honest living for herself and aged widowed mother. I noticed she wore a Masonic emblem upon her left shoulder. I inquired why she wore it, and she replied by saying that her father, who died when she was young, was a Mason—a member of a certain Lodge in southwest Missouri; that her widowed mother was poor, and that the Masons of her father's Lodge sent her to school until she had acquired a good business education. 'And,' continued she, 'I am now able to earn a livelihood for myself and my mother, and I love those Masons for what they did for me—hence I wear this pin.' I felt proud of our Missouri brothers, and no doubt they enjoy more solid comfort in witnessing the good results springing from their efforts in behalf of this fatherless child, than they possibly could in seeing a few more acres of land added to their farms, or some costly luxury added to their store, that could only please their fancy for a brief season.

"All honor, we say, to our Missouri brethren; they have, in this particular instance, set an example well worthy of our imitation. Brethren, try the

experiment; when you go home, look around yon for some Mason's orphan, adopt it as the ward of your Lodge, and start it to school in your neighbourhood; keep it there until it is sufficiently far advanced to enter a high school, and then send it to St. Johns', or some other good school, and you will, by-and-by, feel proud of this child of the Lodge, and it will love and honor its Guardians, and always bless you for your kindness to it when unable to do for itself.

"When I first became a Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 1, twenty-nine years ago, there were only two Lodges in Washington County, viz: one at Fayetteville, the other at Cane Hill, and these were flourishing Lodges, and old Masons would ride ten or fifteen miles to attend Lodge meetings. We were always sure of a quorum. Now we had just twelve Lodges in my County, with several others close to the line just over the border, and sometimes it is a hard matter to get a quorum at a regular meeting. New Lodges are sometimes gotten up to suit the conveniences of Masons who are a little inclined to be lazy —who don't like to go so far to their Lodge. Now, my experience is that a lazy Mason will soon get so lazy that he will not attend his Lodge if it was with'n fifty steps of his door, while the zealous, live Mason will go, no matter if he should have to ride ten miles. Lazy Masons are just about as much use to the Lodge as lazy Christians are to the Church. They help to swell the count of membership, are always ready to avail themselves of its benefits, but don't like to help shoulder its burdens. The Lodge and the Church would be as well off without them."

Brother George E. Dodge presents a good review of Foreign Grand Lodges—in which, however, we can find no notice of Nova Scotia, except in the Table at the beginning of the Report—borrowed from Brother Drummond, of Maine.

M. W. Grand Master, Geo. E. Dodge, Little Rock.

R. W. Grand Secretary, F. Hemstead, Little Rock.

Lodges, 342; Members, 9,773.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA—1881.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia met in its tenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, June 18th., 1881.

The address of M. W. Eli Harrison, Grand Master, is brief, alluding in a business like manner to matters of administration, and sketching broadly yet graphically, the condition of the Craft in the jurisdiction. He looks forward cheerfully to the future, notwithstanding large numbers of the brethren have left the Province for other parts of the world.

We question the propriety, but do not doubt the sincerity of his remarks concerning Life Insurance.

It is pleasing to quote "The Order in the Province is united and financially in a prosperous condition. We are at peace with all, both at home and abroad. There is no unfinished business on hand, no disputes or contentions."

The Grand Secretary's report confirms in detail the views expressed by the head of the Craft. The Grand Secretary's observations as to the value and interest of the Foreign Correspondence must meet the hearty approval of all who peruse them.

An excellent sermon by Rev. Bro. R. H. Smith, is published in the Proceedings.

M. W. Coote M. Chambers, Grand Master.

V. W. E. C. Baker, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

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## CALIFORNIA—1881.

The 32nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California began in the City of San Francisco October 11th, A. D. 1881.

There were present all the Grand Officers, a large number of Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of one hundred and ninety-seven chartered Lodges.

The opening address of the retiring Grand Master, Samuel C. Denson, forms a lengthy but well written and instructive document. An eloquent passage is devoted to the expression of sorrow over the assassination of the late President Garfield, who was a true and faithful brother among us during his life. The Grand Master's suggestive observations on Masonry in General, are worthy a studious perusal, and we with difficulty refrain from quoting *in extenso.*

The able report of Grand Secretary Abell gives us an idea of the immense tact and nerve desirable to be possessed by that indefatigable official. He is truly "in labours abundant."

The report of the Grand Lecturer shews that an immense amount of valuable work has been done under his superintendence. The significance of these labours can hardly be overestimated in their beneficial influence upon the Order in California.

Bro. Wm. H. Hill, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a most readable and valuable report, in which Nova Scotia is noticed as regards the proceedings of June, 1880. The affairs of fifty-six Grand bodies are very fully and with much good taste and judgment reviewed, as well as Masonic affairs in England, Ireland, Scotland, Cuba, Germany, Saxony, Switzerland, Hungary, Sweden, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Belgium and Tunis.

An Oration of Grand Orator Bro. M. D. Boruck, is published with the Proceedings. The subject was "Progress"—a very bright, entertaining and instructive Essay; it is filled with faith in the future and confidence in the free institutions of his country.

Grand Master, M. W. C. W. Taylor.

Grand Secretary, R. W. A. G. Abell (re-elected.)

Master Masons, 12,597; Lodges, 216.

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## CANADA—1881.

A Special Communication was held in London 5th August, 1880, M. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, D. C. L., Grand Master, on the Throne, to lay the Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple. Among other good things the Grand Master said:

"In a word, it is calculated to produce the greatest public good and private blessing. Hence it is impossible to practice the science of Freemasonry without becoming better men It is an institution which binds together those who have no other bonds of union and enforces the practice of universal benevolence on those whose differences of religious and perhaps political opinions would, were it not for the Order, make them regard one another as enemies and not as brethren. It places all Masons on a level. It teaches us to promote the same great end, without offending each other in word or action. Freemasonry inculcates due obedience to the laws of the country in which we reside. On our entrance into the Brotherhood, I may say on the very threshold of the Order, we were instructed to conform with cheerfulness to the Government of the country in which we live. Let us then, as Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, testify our respect and love for the Sovereign of these happy realms by giving three hearty cheers for the Queen—God bless her!"

Another "Special" was held at Rockwood 24th May, 1881, to lay the Corner Stone of St. John's (Church of England,) R. W. Bro. J. M. Meakins, acting Grand Master. The Incumbent Bro., the Rev.

W. J. Pigott, acted as Grand Chaplain. This Parish is in the Diocese of Niagara.

A third "Special Communication" was held at Clark's Mills, the Grand Master on the Throne, to lay the Corner Stone of the Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. James Cormack is Minister.

On June 25th Grand Lodge met specially at Meaford, to lay the Corner Stone of a Methodist Church, R. W. Bro. John Nettleton, D. D. G. M., acting as Grand Master. Rev. R. Large is the present Pastor.

On June 30th Carleton Place held the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master himself on the Throne, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of St. James's, (Church of England,) in the Diocese of Ontario. Rev. G. W. G. Grout, Rural Dean, Incumbent.

In his address the Grand Master said :

"For ages past Freemasonry has been a zealous worker in rearing for the Church those truly wonderful Cathedrals and edifices which adorn not only the continent of Europe, but our Mother land. Whenever you see that beautiful order of architecture, the Gothic, remember that it is a gift of Freemasonry to the Church. From the time when our Grand Master, Solomon, erected that splendid temple on Mount Moriah, to the present day have Freemasons taken part in the glorious work of building those wondrous and majestic structures within which man breathes his prayers of peace and gladness. It is to our predecessors in the Craft that mankind is indebted for those stupendous monuments of human skill, the Pyramids of Egypt, which, though many thousands of years have passed away, still exist; the colossal ruins of Memphis and Thebes; of Baalbec and Palmyra, testify to the amazing skill of the ancient builders. There exists in the minds of those who are unconnected with our Order, erroneous ideas that Freemasonry is incompatible with religion. I fearlessly ond openly assert that the connection between the two is absolute and cannot be severed or destroyed. Our Order contributes to promote the social happiness of man in this world by the practice of every virtue. Religion promotes happiness in a future state. Hence Masonry must be considered the handmaid of religion, because the practice of virtue, though it cannot absolutely save, is an essential condition to salvation. To be a good and perfect Mason, not only a thorough knowledge of the volume of the Sacred Law is essential, but there must be an acting up to and a carrying out of the precepts contained in that Holy Book."

On the 1st July Grand Lodge met at Dundela, to lay the Corner Stone of the Canada Methodist Church, R. W. Bro. James Stephenson, M. D., P. D. D. G. M., acting Grand Master.

Perhaps some other Grand Lodges may be stirred to equal industry by this Record.

The 26th Annual Communication, the M. W. Grand Master on the Throne, was held July 13th, 1881. The Grand Master's address was worthy of himself, and that means a great deal.

The book contains no review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, a fact which we greatly regret; for with the talent our brethren in Ontario possess we should like to "see ourselves" as they "see us."

M. W. Bro. James Moffat, London, Grand Master.

R. W. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 395; Members, 17,635.

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## COLORADO—1881.

If the cover has a jaundiced look, the intestines are healthy and entirely free from the jealousy supposed to be indicated by a yellow skin.

The 21st Annual Communication was held at Denver, Sept. 20, 1881.

An Emergent Communication was held at Lake City, Oct. 9, 1880, to lay the corner-stone of a Public School.

A Special Communication was held at Denver, June 24, (S. John) to lay the corner-stone of the County Court House. From Grand Master Greenleaf's address on this occasion we extract:

"The duties of the occasion are rendered the more agreeable when we reflect upon the purpose for which the proposed structure is designed, since justice is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry. May the divine wisdom which inspired King Solomon in his decisions before the court of Israel ever animate and inspire those who shall preside within these walls, so that impartial justice may abound, and the fullest sense of security to person and property, ever prevail in our midst.

"Antiquarian research has revealed a striking analogy between the mediæval court and the Masonic lodge. From an able writer upon this subject we learn that the Gothic courts convened upon high hills and in sheltered valleys. They met on or before the full moon. The form of the court was an oblong square enclosed by posts or palings. The two entrances were guarded by wardens. It was situated due east and west. Three Judges were absolutely required to hold a court. It opened with a colloquy between the Chief Justice

and his associates as to its being the proper time and place, and whether the requisite number were present. None but the freeborn could enter a court. The South was deemed honorable, the North a place of gloom and horror. The accused stood in the North. In the center was a shrine or altar-piece, on which an open Bible was displayed. The sword of justice was invariably suspended, while other symbols were publicly displayed in front of the judges. The mallet was the great symbol of authority. In districts where judges ordered tribunals to assemble, it was carried around among the inhabitants, who, upon seeing it, instantly repaired to the designated place."

July 9, 1881, another Special Communication was held at Canon City, when two corner-stones were laid, viz.: that of the Masonic Building, and the Court House of Fremont County.

At the Annual Communication, M. W, Bro. Greenleaf presided.

Memorial pages are given to Bro. President Garfield and to Albert G. Mackey, the well-known writer on Masonry.

Nova Scotia is kindly and fraternally noticed.

G. M., M. W. Bro. R. A. Quillian, Walsenburg.

G. S., R. W. Bro. E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.

Lodges, 38; Members, 2,117.

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## CONNECTICUT—1882.

"Grand Lodge Records, 94th Annual Report, Vol. 10, No. 4." 1882. This is the somewhat uncommon title of the volume of 165 pages received.

The 94th Annual Communication was held in Hartford, Jan. 18, A. D. 1882. M. W. Jas. McCormick, Grand Master, on the Throne, who, in his annual address, said:

"On the 2nd of July last, Brother James A. Garfield, President of the United States, was shot by an assassin and after a lingering illness, borne with manly and heroic fortitude, he died from the effects of the wound, on the 19th of September. Our country was plunged into the deepest sorrow, and the good and true men of every nation shared our grief, and from overflowing hearts poured forth their sympathy. None felt greater horror at the deed, none felt more profound sorrow at his sad and untimely death, and none more deeply sympathize with the bereaved mother, wife, and children, than the members of our fraternity."

A touching resolution in conformity was passed by the Grand Lodge.

Our proceedings for 1881 have a page devoted to them, and the decease of Grand Master Allen H. Crowe is fraternally noticed.

Where Brother Wheeler found his authority for the following is a puzzle: "A somewhat brief report on correspondence is furnished by Wm. Taylor, who reviews the proceedings of 46 jurisdictions."

The following DECISIONS IN FORCE are worthy of attention:

"That a member cannot be deprived of his vote upon any question before the Lodge by being in arrears for dues, until his membership is severed by suspension, or striking from the roll.

"That an applicant rejected by one Lodge, and afterwards removing into the jurisdiction of another, and gaining a residence, neither Lodge can accept his application without consent of the other.—*Grand Master J. H. Barlow*, 1880.

"The charter of a Lodge having been arrested by order of the Grand Master, its members cannot affiliate with any Lodge previous to the action of the Grand Lodge.

"A brother having been elected and installed as Master of a Lodge, does not forfeit the honors and prerogatives as an actual Past Master, should he be deposed from office before the close of his official term.

"That in case of Lodges possessing concurrent jurisdiction, no waiver of such jurisdiction is complete without the consent of all the said Lodges.—*Grand Master J. H. Barlow*, 1881."

M. W. Grand Master, James McCormick, Windsor.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford.

Lodges, 111; Members, 14,472.

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## DELAWARE—1881.

The Proceedings appear in Orthodox Blue. The 75th Annual Communication was held at Wilmington, October 5th and 6th, 1881. M. W. G. W. Watson on the Throne. Our copy of Proceedings is courteously endorsed—compliments of W. S. Hayes, Grand Secretary—which compliments we cordially reciprocate, Brother Hayes being our Representative and *in his place as such.*

After touching reference to BROTHER JAMES A. GARFIELD, the Grand Master proceeds with remarks well worthy of the attention of all Masons:

"Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and throughout the country, appears to be in a very flourishing condition, and I am pleased to notice

that there is considerable care manifested in the admission of members to our ranks, but I would impress upon our brethren the necessity of still greater care in that particular, the great danger that now menaces our Order is its popularity. Among the profane we have the reputation of being all-powerful—that if one is a Mason he holds a charmed life, he has but to make known his wishes and many willing hands are ready to do his behests. We hear continually the remark when some crime has been committed "he will not be punished, he is a Mason," and when some scoundrel escapes the law, whether he belongs to the Order or not, "I know why he got off—he's a Mason." We well know how little truth there is in such sayings, but that does not make it the less powerful as an inducement for improper persons to endeavor to join the Order for mercenary purposes, and when once the portals are passed and their eyes have been opened, they not having the capacity to see the beauties of Masonry, find it is not what their vivid imaginations depicted, and become drones and even worse in our hives. Let each brother constitute himself a committee to examine into the character of every one who knocks at the door of his Lodge, and without fear or favor admit only those whom he finds to be worthy, and then when the tempests come, as come they will in the future as they have in the past, they will find our foundation firm and sure, and though they may wash away the refuse from the temple, we will find after the clouds have passed it will be brighter and better for the storm."

There is no review of Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

M. W. Grand Master—J. W. H. Watson, Newport.

R. W. Grand Secretary—W. S. Hayes, Wilmington.

Lodges, 29; Members, 1,341.

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1881.

The Seventy-First Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia contains reports of several interesting stated and special Grand Communications. The Annual Communication was held in Washington, November 9th, 1881, M. W. Noble D. Larner, Grand Master, in the Chair.

The Grand Master's address refers appropriately and at some length to the assassination, sufferings and death of the lamented Bro. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, and a member of Pentalpha Lodge, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District. Bro. Garfield, for by that endearing title it is our privilege to speak of him, was entered November, 1861, passed December, 1861, in Magnolia Lodge, Ohio. He was raised in Columbia Lodge, Ohio.

He became a member of Pentalpha Lodge when it was Chartered in 1869, and remained on its roll until his death. He received the Mark Degree in 1866, and in the same year the highest degree of Royal Arch Masonry. Suitable resolutions were passed to his memory.

Grand Master—N. D. Larner, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary—Wm. R. Singleton, (re-elected.)

The report on Foreign Correspondence presented by R. W. Bro. Singleton is very carefully prepared. Nova Scotia is appreciatingly referred to.

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## IDAHO—1881.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held January 11th, 1881, at Boise City, M. W. Bro. H. E. Prickett, Grand Master, presiding, for the purpose of trying two cases—*i. e.*, those of August Bittner and Orin Morrill, who were expelled.

The 14th Annual Communication was held in the City of Boise, the Grand Master on the Throne, on September 13th, 1881. M. W. Bro. Prickett said in his address:

"In the earlier days of our history, in their eagerness to increase their membership, our subordinate Lodges too frequently relaxed the rules prescribing the qualifications, and admitted many who were unworthy of that favor; but they are now realizing the fact that real health and prosperity consist more in the quality of the members than in numerical strength. This disposition should be encouraged by all the means in our power and the members of our subordinate Lodges should constantly bear in mind that it is easier to keep out unworthy men than to get rid of them after being permitted to unite.

"It is not the unworthy that generally drop out and forsake us. Once within the Lodge they are pretty sure to remain, and it is the upright man and desirable Mason that withdraws when he is no longer willing to remain and associate with the unworthy. Again it should be borne in mind that an admission is not for a day or for a short time only, but for life, and everything unites in demanding the exercise of great care in the selection of material out of which to build up our organization."

No review of other Grand Lodge Proceedings is furnished.

F. E. Ensign, M. W. Grand Master.

J. H. Wickersham, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 12; Members, 386.

## ILLINOIS—1881.

A bulky tome of 652 pages! If all Grand Lodges were as generous, it is to be feared few would be found to act on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence; and yet we are heartily glad that Illinois is so prosperous and so industrious as a Masonic Jurisdiction, and accept the "Compliments of Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, Ill.," the Grand Sectetary, most cordially, and the more so that 493 pages of the whole are devoted to the Report of Masonic Correspondence.

The 42nd Annual Communication was held in Chicago, A. D. 1881, M. W. Bro. W. H. Scott, Grand Master, presiding. In his able address the Grand Master thus refers to President Garfield:

"I desire in this brief notice of our loss to ask you, my brethren, to grasp with a firmer purpose your determination to press forward to the prize of your high Masonic calling. Our deceased brother was a type of spiritual manhood to which all should aspire. It is not his exalted political prominence around which is being gathered the fragrant evidences of love and admiration. Our brother was a man of large attainments, and with an intellect the peer of the best product of the nations, graced, withal, by a genial, grateful, truthful, loving disposition, that made his home the symbol of that rest which he has attained in the presence of the Father."

The following is quoted as worthy of imitation:

"Brother C. P. Towle,—and through you to the brethren:

"I feel that my end is near. If so, when gone I want the brethren to take charge and put me away. In doing so I want no gilded display of glittering vanity about me, but to go into the grave as humbly and peacefully as possible, in as plain a coffin as can be had, wrapped in a winding sheet, and something under my head. The brethren and friends to see me taken to my last resting-place. "Fraternally, "Jo. Holland."

Nova Scotia has two pages of fraternal notice. Grand Master Laurie's Address in 1880 is deservedly praised, especially his mention of "Standard Lodge," as producing a healthy emulation. The reviewer says:

"What a contrast this is with the sadly unfraternal doings of the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico towards Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and how beautifully it exemplifies the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity, even when some of their interests do seem to clash! Grand Lodge Sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction are desirable, but certainly not so much so as to justify the sacrifice of all fraternal relations

and principles. We are glad that our Nova Scotian Brethren so nobly prove that, under all circumstances, they will remember they are FREEMASONS, and govern themselves accordingly."

M. W. Bro. William H. Scott, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn, Grand Secretary, Freeport.
Lodges, 759; Members, 38,168.

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## INDIAN TERRITORY—1881.

The 7th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at McAlester, November 1st, 1881, M. W. Bro. P. J. Byrne, Grand Master, on the throne, who, among other good things, says:

"It is with pleasure I report to you that the Craft of this Territory is steadily growing in prosperity and numbers. The same report comes from our sister jurisdictions, and throughout the civilized world Masonry is honored by men in mind the most enlightened, and exalted in station. There are some, however, who oppose our Order by misrepresentation, and traduce it in the public press, from the pulpit, and elsewhere. To name them here, or by words refute them, would avail nothing, as that has been done by many more capable than myself. I trust rather to the good work of Masons throughout the world to remove the ignorance and prejudice which are the cause of these aspersions, and I look to you, brethren of this jurisdiction, to advance and perform well your part."

We heartily congratulate our far-off brethren on this pleasant state of affairs. Long may it continue.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is short, from motives of economy.

M. W. Grand Master, C. E. Gooding.
R. W. Grand Secretary, J. S. Murrow, Atoka.
Lodges, 14; Members, 411.

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## IOWA—1881.

This Grand Lodge gives to its Proceedings a cover of rich blue, with well defined "Square and Compasses" in gold, making our Nova Scotia "blue" look pale beside it; and in a volume of 235 pages gives to its readers a great deal of pleasant and profitable reading. The frontispiece is a good steel engraving of Bro. George B. VanSaun.

At the 38th Annual Communication, June 7th, A. L. 5881, held at Davenport, Grand Master McClanahan was on the Throne, and the Representative of Nova Scotia was there in the person of the Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin.

The Grand Master's Address speaks well for Masonry in Iowa, and is a credit to our M. W. Brother :

"We have abundant reasons to be thankful to a kind Providence for the many blessings of the past year. All our material wants have been well supplied, peace nnd harmony prevail within this Grand Jurisdiction, business is prosperous confidence has been greatly restored, and there is general prosperity throughout our land. A greater interest is manifested in the Order, greater care is exercised in the selection of material for the temple, and we are enjoying a higher life in Masonry. We are leaving the mere forms and ceremonies behind, and pressing forward to those underlying tenets, where we find *that* peace-on-earth-and-good-will-to-man principle so beautifully enunciated in all our charges, ceremonies, and lectures.

We clearly realize that the corner-stone of our building rests upon an inflexible faith in God, as revealed in the Great Lights, without which we could have no legal existence, and without which we would be 'an empty cheat, a fraud, and a vile delusion.'

We should, before entering upon the important work of legislating for the Craft of Iowa, earnestly invoke the blessing of Deity upon our labours; should attune our hearts to His praise ; should ask Him to guide us by His counsel and direct us by His wisdom, that we may legislate wisély and well, to the honor of His great name and the good of Masonry."

Iowa has lost 176 members by death during the past Masonic year, to whom a memorial scroll is dedicated.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is the liveliest and most "spicy" we have been called upon to review. Speaking of Grand Master Laurie's Address in 1880, we have the following :

"The Committee on Grand Master's Address report that "*the evidence of the marked increase of knowledge in Masonic jurisprudence throughout the jurisdiction*—rendering thereby a constant reference *to the Grand Secretary unnecessary —is extremely gratifying to your committee.*" And so gratifying to us that we have italicised the whole paragraph. Would that this were a disease, and catching, so as to become wide-spread, when much of the Grand Master's occupation, like Othello's, would be gone, and 'decisions' become an obsolete word."

Again :

"A Committee which had been raised to arrange the numerous Masonic documents collected by Brother Crowe, reported, from which we learn that "a

provincial Grand Lodge was organized in that province in 1784, (June 23), and these documents range from that date to 1869." A most valuable collection, we should say.

We, ourself, would pay a good sum for a copy of the printed proceedings of 1868—who has it?

The Committee report against the right of a subordinate to become incorporated without first obtaining consent of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master having declined a re-election, suitable resolutions of respect and confidence were passed—and he *deserved* it all."

The experience of the Chairman on Foreign Correspondence is, we trust, very exceptional, but we give it as a warning:

"We were once visiting an old Lodge at a crisis like that named above. An excellent citizen, above reproach, 'honest, faithful, and capable,' was supported by the true members for Master. Another brother, destitute of the qualities named, 'ability, efficiency, or standing' in the community as a man, was a candidate, and had 'paraded his self-catalogued merits,' showing his 'cheek' in soliciting support, till he had gathered in not a few. The Master remarked that all must be Masons, as they had been vouched for, but that he did not know it, as he saw before him faces of a number he had never before seen in the Lodge. No election was had on the first ballot, when we asked a brother on our right, who said he had not been present since the last election, how he could support such a fellow for Master. "Oh," said he, "we must build him up; give him a position among his brethren, and he may get it among the people." He on the left volunteered the statement that he had not been in the Lodge in four years, but, having promised to vote for that same fellow, he had come to redeem it. Another said that he owed him a debt (surety-money paid), and had it promised, if he was elected. "Out of the charity fund, of which the Master has the disbursement," we remarked. We took our hat and went home, thanking God there were more good men present than in Sodom, and the Lodge was saved. But it is a sad, yet truthful, commentary of the ups and downs to which Lodges become exposed by the carelessness and indifference of good men, who too frequently absent themselves from their Lodges, and leave them to be run by the vulgar and ignorant, who manage, in spite of fate, to get in, like Satan, unawares."

Of our late Grand Master the following notice is given:

"Allen Hill Crowe, M. W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia, died November 10th, 1880, in the forty-seventh year of his age. "Zealous in the discharge of his duties, earnest in his interest for the welfare of the Order, and unceasing in his fidelity to its high and noble principles,' his memory is cherished by those who best knew him, for the many and eminent qualities he possessed as a man and a Mason, rather than for the high position he occupied. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Brother Curren, Grand Secretary, and the brethren of Nova Scotia, in this their great loss."

Nor is this merely drawn out of the Brother who is our Representative and Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Committee in one, because he is our honoured Representative, for to M. W. Bro. Tonn, Grand Secretary of Wyoming, a notice, at least equally kind and fraternal is given. Both names are on the same memorial page.

Brother Sloan delivered an eloquent address at the Annual Communication, from which we take the following :

"But you ask very naturally, what superior wisdom do Masons claim, what truth that is not known to all ? We claim no peculiar revelation, no peculiar knowledge of truth. We accept God's declared word as the fountain and source of all moral truth, and make it the great light of Masonry. True it is that there are those who call the Bible old-fashioned, old fogy, in these days of progress and discovery. But truth is eternal ; it is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.—'The eternal years of God are hers.'

A correct understanding of the principles of mechanics, with a genius for combination, enables the inventor to produce a machine that will do a marvelous work. We wonder at it. But the inventor has created no new principle of action. He has calculated upon principles which have always existed. He understands these principles, and knows that they may be counted upon with certainty. These principles are the work of the Eternal. The architect to-day, applying his square to his work, learns by it what he did in the days of Solomon, whether or not he is doing true work and square work. It tells the same unerring story. So with all truth ; when we have discovered it, when we understand it, we ought to bow with reverence as in the very presence of God. It came from him ; it is the creation of His omnipotent will and wisdom. Obedience to moral truth is to-day attended with the same beneficent results as it was the day God gave the tables of stone to Moses on Mount Sinai. The same lesson of brotherly love is taught by the parable of the Good Samaritan as in the day when it was spoken by the Son of God in Judea. The years that have intervened have not changed it ; the ages that have gone by have not lessened its beneficent effect.

It is said that Disraeli, when taunted by a nobleman in the House of Commons of his Hebrew origin, sprang to his feet, his dark eyes flashing, and exclaimed : 'Yes, I am a Jew ! When the ancestors of the honorable gentleman who has flung this fact in my face as a taunt and imputation—when the ancestors of that honorable gentleman, I repeat—were brutal savages on an unknown island, mine were Priests in the temple. I feel every fibre of my being thrill with the traditions of my people.'

It was the fact that the Jews had God's declared word to enlighten and guide them, that gave force and power to Disraeli's royal reply to the noble man's taunt. The flight of time has not dimmed the pages or taken away one jot or tittle of its enlightening power. Upon its leaves are written the wisdom of ages, from its pages flash the truth of centuries, and within its lids are recorded the revelations of the Most High to guide and direct His people. It is worthy to be, it ought and ever should be, the great light, the *magna charta* of Freemasonry.

When it shall cease to be such, then let the Order pass away, let its temples be closed, let its charters be destroyed, and a column erected to the memory of its departed glory."

M. W. Bro. G. B. VanSaun, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Theo. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Iowa City.

Lodges, 409 ; Members, 18,426.

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## KENTUCKY—1881.

Carefully bound in Loyal Blue comes, this volume of 400 pages and more, closely printed.

The 82nd Annual Communication was held at Louisville, October 18th, 1881, M. W. W. LaRue Thomas, Grand Master, on the Throne, and amongst the Grand Representatives was Bro. G. D. Buckner, for Nova Scotia—at least *part of him*—for he represents Indiana as well. We prefer to have *a whole man.*

Their Widows' and Orphans' Home is a noble Institution :

"Fifteen years ago a small band of Kentucky Masons conceived the noble idea of erecting a Home for the destitute widow and the helpless orphan. The adoption of such an idea must surely have emanated from God, for in the idea is embraced not only all that is noble and lovable in man, but a high degree of divinity which could only proceed from the Infinite. Man, through the purifying influence of our noble Order, has for centuries contributed to the necessities of the destitute. The wail of distress coming from the widow, and the cry of want from the orphan of a deceased brother, has ever touched a tender cord in the breast of a true Mason brother. This has been the great underlying principle, the foundation stone of our institution. Charity has been dispensed, want has been relieved, aching hearts have been bound up, tearful eyes have been dried by the loving acts of those bound to each other in the mystic tie.

While each individual brother had been left to distribute his own alms or dispense his own charity in his own quiet way, the Angel of Love descended from heaven bearing the commission to those few Kentucky Masons to attempt to place the teachings of our Order on a higher plane, and by a strong and united effort concentrate our labors, club together our mites, join together our hearts and hands in the great enterprise whose culmination has now awakened the admiration of the civilized world. Noble conception ! When, in the history of our race, has man received such a commission. Thanks be to God, the commission was sent to pure hearts and tender hands. It was no sooner received than acted upon."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is worthy of the eminent Brother who presents it—*i. e.*, M. W. Robert Morris. Speaking of Masonic differences he says:

"The writer remembers many and many a 'tempest in a tea-pot' which *could have been* settled, which *should have been settled by reference*, but was allowed to ferment until the scent thereby became offensive. Not to mention the trouble that grew out of the creation of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—as righteous a proceeding was that creation as the history of Masonry contains,—he recalls the attempt to organize the Grand Lodge of Michigan after its decadence,—the trouble between Oregon and Washington Territory,—half a score of Scotch Rite quarrels,—the Royal Arch Chapter difficulty in the district of Columbia,—the world-renowned contest between the two Grand Lodges of New York, and others too numerous to mention, not one of which need have consumed a dozen pages of text, had the parties in dispute consented to refer the subject to disinterested brethren. Hereafter, then, let Grand Lodges do as individual Masons do in their altercations—that is, abide by the decision of disinterested referees."

And the following lines are his:

THE LETTER G.

That NAME! I learned it at a mother's knee,
When looking up, the fond and tearful face
Beaming upon my eyes so tenderly,
She prayed that God her little son would bless!

That NAME! I spoke it when I entered here
And bowed the knee as each Freemason must;
From my heart's center with sincerity,
I said, "In GOD, in GOD is all my trust!"

That NAME! I saw it o'er the Master's chair,
"The hieroglyphic bright," and bending low
Paid solemn homage at the emblem there,
That speaks of GOD, before whom all must bow!

That NAME! in silence I invoked its power
When dangers thickened and when death was nigh;
In solemn awe I felt the death-clouds lower
And whispered, "GOD be with me if I die!"

That NAME! the last upon our faltering tongue,
Ere death shall still it, it shall surely be
The PASS-WORD to the high celestial throng,
Whose Lord is GOD in truth and majesty!

That NAME then Brothers always gently speak!
Before your father's, mother's name revered;
Such blessings from His gracious hand we take!
Oh, be His honor to our souls endeared!

Nova Scotia is kindly and fraternally noticed, especially the death of Grand Master Crowe.

M. W. Grand Master, W. H. Meffert, Louisville.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Hiram Basset, Louisville.

Lodges, 613 ; Members, 14,397.

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## LOUISIANA—1881.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for the year 1881, are embellished by a portrait of P. G. M. Todd, the Senior Past Grand Master of Louisiana, having filled the Chair in 1859, 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1872. This distinguished Mason has long and ably served the Craft in almost every capacity, and well deserves the high place he holds in the esteem of his brethren.

The sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held in New Orleans on February 14th to 18th, 1881, M. W. Edwin Marks, Grand Master, in the Chair. The address alludes affectionately to the death of P. D. G. M. Sidney G. Parsons, whose loss is deplored. The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters indicate a fair degree of prosperity.

The Committee on Correspondence review the Proceedings of some fifty Grand Lodges, (among them Nova Scotia) in a clear, lucid and attractive manner.

Wm. R. Whitaker, Grand Master.

J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

Lodges, 145 ; Members, 4,852.

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## MAINE—1881.

Clothed in Masonic Blue, we have 328 pages of small print from Maine.

Tuesday, May 3rd, 1881, saw the 62nd Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge at Portland, the M. W. Charles L. Collamore, Grand Master, presiding. Our Representative being in his place—thanks to Brother Drummond—we wish we had a larger number like you.

The following decision and reasons are worthy of notice :

"*Question.* The applicant was born in this town, lived at his father's until he was twenty years old, then went to New York and went into business, remaining there a number of years, then went to San Francisco, California, and went into business there ; has voted and held State office in California. He has not been here since he left until now, when he is called here by the death of his father. Can we receive his application ? He desires to be made immediately.

*Answer.* Section ninety-two of the Constitution provides that "Candidates, to be eligible for initiation, must have resided within this State one year, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge the six months next preceding their application." This wise provision was placed in the Constitution to protect the Craft from the possible reception of unworthy members. Under it, the candidate must live among the Brethren at least six months. This candidate has not been in the State for nearly twenty years. He went away a boy ; he comes back a man. The Brethren can know nothing of him personally. This law, like all laws, may seem to operate harshly in some cases ; but I believe it better to give the Craft the benefit of the doubt, if there be one, than to break down the principle. I decide that the candidate is not eligible under section ninety-two."

Under the head of Foreign Correspondence, Nova Scotia occupies a page.

Maine, for a republic, is getting quite aristocratic—it has a Marquis King ! as Grand Master ; that sounds bigger than a Prince of Wales ! !

R. W. Ira Berry is Grand Secretary, both live in Portland.

Lodges, 184 ; Members, 19,108.

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## MANITOBA—1882.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held July 28, 1881, at Portage la Prairie, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Town Hall, and of a new Presbyterian Church, M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Master, presiding.

From an excellent address by the Grand Master we quote the following :—

"Ours is an aged institution, and as yet it is not too old to do good. Still its mission is not yet accomplished, nor will it be until sorrow and suffering have left the world. We delight in its antiquity, because there is an irresistible enchantment about everything that is hoary-headed and aged. The good old man whose head is silvered o'er with the frosts of many winters, and whose body

is curved by the weight of years, is more to be respected than at any other period of life. The old battle-flag shot asunder by the bullet of the foe is revered and loved by every true soldier as he loves his country; nay, more than he loves his life. The old arm-chair, and the old family Bible all scarred and torn, are treasured all the more because of their scars, their age, and their history. Thus it is with Freemasonry. We revere it because it is the oldest secret society on the globe; we love it because, so long as it remains what it is, so long will it unmistakably show forth the immortality of the soul, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man."

The Seventh Annual Communication was held in the City of Winnipeg, Feb. 8 and 9, 1882, M, W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master, presiding.

*The Lodge in Gibraltar.*

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba having issued a warrant, establishing a Lodge in Gibraltar, (Spain,) under the very euphonious name of

"Al Moghreb al Aksa" Lodge,

England, Scotland and Ireland immediately got their backs up, and the first shot at Manitoba comes from the May Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as follows:—

"Gibraltar.—The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Canada, had granted a charter to a lodge in Gibraltar, which had opened in May last. Holding this to be an encroachment on the rights of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, which exercise exclusive joint Masonic jurisdiction in that colony, the Committee have directed the Scotch lodge at Gibraltar not to recognize the lodge there, holding of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and recommend to Grand Lodge to co operate with the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland in any resolution they may adopt in vindication of their rights."

About the same time England speaks; and as the communication is a curiosity in its way, especially the *exclusive—joint jurisdiction*-- idea, we give it entire:—

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St, London, W. C.,
13th August, 1881.

The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—

I am commanded by the M. W. the Grand Master of England to address you on a subject which has come to His Royal Highness' knowledge, viz., the establishment of a lodge in the British colony of Gibraltar.

With reference to this action on the part of your Grand Lodge, I am directed to remind you that Gibraltar is a colony belonging to Great Britain and Ireland, and consequently under the exclusive joint jurisdiction of the three Grand Lodges of that kingdom, namely, those of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

I am further directed to point out that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was established entirely and solely to meet the Masonic wants of that colony, and certainly not with a view to founding lodges in other colonies of the British Crown—a prerogative which has not been claimed by any of the British North American Grand Lodges, and which could never be conceded by the Grand Lodge of England.

The M. W. the Grand Master of England further fails to see any good object to be attained by thus seeking to establish the Lodge in question, and which His Royal Highness has felt it his painful duty to direct the English lodges in Gibraltar not to recognize.

I am therefore commanded by the M. W. the Grand Master of England to protest against the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and to express a hope that on consideration you will view the matter in the same light, and will advise your Grand Lodge to withdraw its sanction and warrant from the body now needlessly disturbing the Masonic harmony of the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges in Gibraltar.

I have the honor to remain,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Your Faithful Servant,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,

Colonel,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of England."

Upon this, Grand Master Bell, having no wish for controversy with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and, to use his own words, "As the lodge was opened at Gibraltar only preliminary to its removal to Morocco," stayed proceedings in the matter of constituting and installing, and had the three Grand Lodges informed of his action in the premises. Grand Lodge is also recommended to recall the warrant.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address report as follows:

"The Board endorse the action of the M. W. Grand Master regarding the Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge, and would recommend that the W. M. of said lodge be instructed to hold the warrant in abeyance for six months, and if in that time the Lodge be not removed to Morocco, in accordance with the original intention when said warrant was issued, that it, with all books, papers, etc., be then returned to this Grand Lodge.

"At the same time, we feel that we did not overstep our prerogative in establishing a lodge in what we consider unoccupied territory, though for the

sake of peace and harmony we yield to the pretensions of the Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction in that colony."

The report was adopted.

We notice, with a feeling of regret, in the list of officers present at opening, certain figures quite unknown to Ancient Craft Masonry.

Who is W. F. Dibblee opposite Nova Scotia on page 43? We do not know him.

M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Master, Winnipeg.

R. W. Bro. Herbert Du Pri LeCapellain, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

Lodges, 15; Members, 646.

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## MARYLAND -1881.

This is a specimen of "yellow covered" literature which is most pure in its contents.

Special Communications were held at Baltimore, April 20, and at Easton, May 4th, 1881; the former to prepare for dedicating, and the latter for the actual dedication of the Masonic Hall at Easton. M. W. Bro. John S. Tyson presided on both occasions, as also at the Semi-Annual Communication at Baltimore, on May 10th and 11th.

The Grand Master, in his address, referred to the death of P. G. M. Rev. Bro. James A. McKenny, D. D., and a memorial page is devoted to the same M. W. and Rev. Brother. As one who knew Dr. McKenny's worth, from personal observation, the writer may also be allowed to "drop a tear" over the grave of the late excellent Rector of Laurel.

In the Report of Foreign Correspondence the 15th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is reviewed.

Our M. W. Grand Master's idea of a month's notice before a dimit can be granted, is thus spoken of :—

"There is some wisdom in such a course, although we hold that a request for a dimit should, in all cases, be granted when made, and the petitioner entitled to it"

We gratefully quote :—

"The Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Allen H. Crowe, the last we shall have the pleasure of reading from that gifted Mason, in which Maryland, for 1879 and 1880, receives kind notice in some three and a half pages

"We deeply sympathize with our Nova Scotia brethren in their bereavement, and are fully sensible of the great loss our reportorial corps has sustained in the death of Bro. Crowe."

The second portion of the year's proceedings of our Mother Grand Lodge is covered to the *pink* of perfection—if it were any but a Masonic book. Why avoid the distinctive blue, Brother Medairy?

The 95th Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1881, M. W. Grand Master Tyson on the Throne.

One cannot but regret the absence of Brother Robb, our Representative, albeit the writer was absent from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia through family illness, when he should have there represented Maryland.

The finances, we rejoice to see, are mending, and the Grand Master says :—

"I congratulate the Grand Lodge on these results. We can now see the way clearly open before us, and have every encouragement to persevere steadily in our efforts to pay our debts. They are now in manageable shape and the load will grow lighter and lighter every year. I believe it will not be many years before it will be entirely removed, or so light that we will hardly feel it. Some of us may not live to see that day. It matters not. We are not struggling for ourselves, but for Masonry. We may be dead, but rest assured that Masonry will live. It is for us to determine—and I am confident that we have unalterably determined—that it shall go down to our posterity an honorable and honored institution."

Although struggling themselves, the Masons of Maryland have managed to help those in Michigan, who wrote :—

"The North-Eastern part of our State has been visited by a most desolating fire, and our brothers have suffered greatly.

"Many of our Lodges have been destroyed. Hundreds of our brethren are to-day homeless and penniless."

As witness the following letter :—

"O. L. Spaulding, Esq., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Michigan :*

My Dear Sir and Brother.—Your circular letter of Sept. 29th was received Oct. 5th. This Grand Lodge has (I regret to say) no Grand Charity Fund, so that we could not give *immediate* response. I addressed a circular to

the Craft, and the amount of $636.00 was raised by subscription of Lodges and individuals for relief of our distressed brethren in Michigan. I hope it is not too late to be of use, and I wish the amount were larger, but we are under the burden of a heavy debt, as perhaps you know. I enclose draft on New York to your order for six hundred and thirty-six dollars, which please acknowledge and oblige,

Yours fraternally,
JOHN S. TYSON,
*Grand Master.*"

This does one's heart good!

Memorial pages are given to Brothers Mackey and Garfield.

No reviews of other Grand Lodges appear.

The following standing order has been added :—

"*Resolved,* That no Lodge in the City of Baltimore which has heretofore held its meetings in the Masonic Temple, shall meet elsewhere without the consent of the Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master;"

M. W. Grand Master, John S. Tyson, } Baltimore.
R. W. Grand Secretary, J. H. Medairy, }
Lodges, 177 ; Members, 4,474.

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## MASSACHUSETTS—1881.

Three steel engraved portraits of Brothers Heard, Cheever, and Garfield, ornament this volume of 375 handsomely printed pages.

All the world knows, alas! Brother Garfield. Brother Tracy Cheever was Recording Grand Secretary of Massachusetts. We offer our brethren our sincere condolence on the loss of so worthy a Grand Lodge officer.

The Annual Communication was held in Boston, December 14th, 1881.

A Stated Communication and Feast on St. John's Day were also held. Grand Master S. C. Lawrence presiding at both. We quote his words :

"Without indulging in any strains of conventional felicitation, it may be said, in all sincerity, that Masonry has never stood so high in the esteem of its adherents, or in the favor of the public, as at the present moment. Time has done its work. The prejudices of the past are in a great measure obliterated, and the world has learned to estimate the true character of this Institution by the respectability of its long line of membership, and by the purity of the moral and social influences which have emanated from it. Standing severely apart

from all political and denominational complications, it has quietly addressed itself to its proper work, and no agency has accomplished more to promote the amenities and charities of modern social life. Throughout the civilized world, under the banner of our Order, men are being brought together who own no other tie of fellowship; and, no matter how unequal may be their social positions, how diverse their religious faiths, or discordant their political opinions, meeting on the broad grounds of Masonic Brotherhood, they, for once, at least, forget everything but the fraternal tie which binds them together in a common humanity. It is not wise to put forth great claims to praise; but the founders of Masonry might well have felt that the labor could not be lost which was given to the enforcement of the great lesson of mutual helpfulness and love."

No Foreign Correspondence. Why not give the number of Lodges? We count:

Lodges, 227; Members, 25,343.

Grand Master—M. W. S. C. Lawrence, Boston.

Grand Secretary—R. W. S. D. Nickerson, Boston.

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## MICHIGAN—1882.

A good engraving of O. L. Spaulding, is the first thing that faces us on opening this volume. The original is Grand Master, and took his seat on the Throne on October 11th, 1881, at Grand Rapids, then and there opening a Special Communication of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of Temple Emanuel, or Jewish Synagogue—the Rabbi of which congregation is Rev. Bro. Max Moses.

Grand Master Spaulding also presided at the 38th Annual Communication held at Detroit, January 24th, 1882, when Grand Lodge was welcomed by P. G. M. John W. McGrath, who thus spoke of Masonry in that city:

"Not only are we making progress numerically, but thanks to the genius of Masonry, we are learning that Masonry is not a mere toy, nor yet an institution designed merely for mutual protection; but that it is designed, not only to teach us our relations to the Supreme Grand Master, but that that belief, an avowal of which is required of us at the very threshold of our Masonic career, is not an abstraction, but suggests other relationships disclosing a field of usefulness and obligations as broad as humanity; that it is a system which enables us to fill up "the corners of our time that might otherwise be wasted," with the cultivation of these relationships, teaching, by the practice of the tenets of our profession, that the pathway which leads to the best fortunes attainable by man, lies in the direction of the discharge of our duties to each other."

From M. W. Spaulding's address we take these extracts:

"I have refused several applications to initiate candidates who had not resided twelve months within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge to which they applied, as required by Art. XIII. Grand Lodge Regulations.

"Grand Lodge has already construed this Article as mandatory, and that the Grand Master cannot dispense with it.

"In one instance a Lodge has asked my official sanction to appeal to sister Lodges in behalf of a needy member. Believing such a precedent unwise, I declined the request. Few Lodges are without necessitous members, and it must be an exceptional case that would warrant the pre-eminence sought in this instance. Masons, irrespective of their affiliations, are bound to, and will respond to the appeals of charity, and it is better to leave individual cases to them without dictation or official advice from the Grand Master.

"A Lodge granted a dimit to a brother though the Senior Warden had in his hands charges against him of unmasonic conduct, but of which the Lodge was ignorant:

"*Held*, That the vote granting the dimit could not be reconsidered at the next regular meeting, but proceedings might be had against him for unmasonic conduct, as a non-affiliate, in the Lodge having territorial jurisdiction.

"A Lodge on due trial finds a member guilty of habitual and gross intoxication, but before sentence, at his request, and upon promise of amendment, final action is suspended for a given time. He breaks his promise and at the time fixed for final action he is indefinitely suspended:

"*Held*, That while the penal code requires sentence to be passed at once upon conviction, if delay is had at the request of the accused, the irregularity will not avoid the sentence in the absence of appeal.

"On the 5th day of September last, a terrible fire borne on the wings of a whirlwind, swept over considerable portions of Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola counties, involving a fearful loss of life and property—whole townships were laid waste.

"It was literally a time of thick darkness and coals of fire. Two Lodges lost their halls and all they contained. Seven suffered partial losses. A hundred Masons and their families were made homeless and penniless on the afternoon of that awful day, while many others suffered in a less degree. The property loss of Masons alone aggregated over three hundred thousand dollars, and that of the entire body of sufferers many times this sum. At night, houses and barns, summer harvests and growing crops, fields and orchards, stock and tools, were all gone where the morning sun broke on a happy and prosperous people. Winter was approaching—no shelter, no food, no medical supplies for the burned, and men, women and little children falling sick all round. It was indeed an appalling, heart-rendering outlook.

"At once the great-hearted, generous people, all over the land poured out their charity, but after all the relief was but temporary. Provision must be made for shelter, and in some degree for food, till crops could grow. Teams and tools and seed wheat must be had at once or the time for sowing would be past. This required organized effort. In this emergency I called upon Masons

at home and abroad to come to the relief of Masons. The response was instant, grand, Masonic.

"Knowing Masonry, believing in it as I did, and cognizant of its beneficent teachings and works, I after all was not half aware till then how grandly, how nobly Masons lived their Masonry. From other Grand Jurisdictions by successive mails, and even by telegraph came tens, hundreds and thousands of dollars. These brethren we cannot thank enough. God grant their time of need may not come, but if it does, the Masons of Michigan will have enough to do to repay one-half the debt they owe them.

"At home, on the instant, our Masons and Lodges sent large sums in cash and needed supplies. Of these we can give you no detailed account. As soon as we could proceed systematically these donations came to me and have, with moneys received from abroad, been fairly and equitably distributed.

"If we depart from our time-honored conservatism, we are lost as surely as the Christian who seeks to improve his Bible. We have no place for Masonic cranks—no room for theories. The Masonry of the ages is good enough for us. Its principles are as fixed as the foundations of the hills, and as unchangeable as the God who proclaimed them.

"The true Mason will let them alone. The nominal Mason who wants to improve Masonry and obtain a patent on his device—get rid of. Our institution would not have withstood obloquy and persecution, nor endeared itself to generations had it not been a good one. It commends itself to good men. It condemns bad men. Its past is safe; its present and future is with us, and those we teach. We have something to do beyond going to the Lodge and paying our dues.

"Our profession is to be exemplified by our works and not by our much speaking. Masonry should grow into our daily lives so that we involuntarily illustrate it in all we do, though we have grown rusty in the work and have forgotten the pass-words. It is a good thing to know the text of the ritual; it is better to know the grand truths it teaches. It is right to pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, but beware omitting the weightier matters of the law. The one should be done, not leaving the other undone. Masonry will never be destroyed from the outside. Its enemies are within, men who cheapen it by hawking it on the streets and trading in their grips and pass-words. It is not all of Masonry to wear a Masonic pin, nor to know certain lectures better than the Ten Commandments."

M. W. Alanson Partridge, Grand Master, Birmingham.

R. W. Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary, Grand Rapids.

Lodges, 358; Members, 25,831,

## MISSOURI—1881.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri held its Sixty-first Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, Oct. 11th, 1881.

William R. Stubblefield, Grand Master, delivered an excellent address, almost entirely upon business matters. He insisted that Lodges owning Halls ought to keep them insured, and refused positively to endorse begging letters from Lodges which had lost property by fire.

Financial affairs are in a strong position. The relations of Missouri with other Grand Lodges are harmonious, with the exception of New Mexico. He reiterates and enforces his decided objection to the joint occupancy of Halls by Masonic Lodges with other organizations.

An oration, by Bro. C. H. Briggs, on "The Conserving Power of Free Masonry," is published in the proceedings. It is a brief but suggestive, and in some aspects may be said to be an eloquent address.

A special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, referring to the lamented death of our late Grand Master Crowe, was presented, which, after most tender allusions to his valued life and high character, resolved :—

"That a tender of our fraternal sympathies and condolence be made to the Craft in that jurisdiction, and that the worth and Masonic virtues of M. W. Bro. Crowe be perpetuated by a memorial page in the Journal of this Grand Lodge."

The full report on Correspondence is, as usual, thorough and interesting, and Nova Scotia is fraternally noticed.

Grand Master, Alex. M. Dockery.

Grand Secretary, James D. Vincil, D. D., re-elected.

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## MONTANA—1881.

Covered in *true blue*, and embellished with a good steel engraving of Grand Master Monroe, this handsomely printed and broad-margined Report comes to us from the City of Helena.

The 17th Annual Communication was held Oct. 4, 1881, the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand East. In his able address, M. W. Bro. Monroe touches well the somewhat perplexing question of

funerals, where the brother to be buried belongs to other orders than the Masonic :—

"On the 27th day of September, 1880, I received a telegram from the Secretary of Butte Lodge, No. 22, announcing the death of Bro, George S. Hale, and asking if the Masonic Lodges should take exclusive control of the remains for interment. To this I replied in the affirmative, but added that other orders of which the deceased brother was a member, be also allowed the privilege of conducting their peculiar ceremonies if they so desired. I regret that there was some misunderstanding as to the intent of my reply. I do not think that it is true Masonic spirit to desire to exclude other societies from paying the last tribute of respect to their dead. It is, however, due to the dignity and antiquity of the institution of Masonry, to desire to be first in preferment in paying this last tribute to a deceased brother who was also a member of another Order; but a blending of burial ceremonies and processions on such occasions cannot be had, for reasons that must be apparent to all. It is a law of Masonry, and one which I would urge should be more strictly observed, not to bury a brother with Masonic honors unless during life he expressed a desire to have it done. And I see no way of avoiding these unpleasant discussions on such occasions, unless our brethren who are also members of other orders, express a distinct preference during life."

On re-opening the ballot for degrees that had been rejected, he also speaks correctly :—

"Benton Lodge, No. 25, by resolution, asked for dispensation to allow them to re-open the ballot on a petition for the degrees that had been rejected. This I declined to grant, for the reason that, in my opinion Masonry will suffer no loss by compelling a rejected application to lie over one year, as is required by our law. To issue dispensations in such cases savors too much of a desire to increase lodge membership without due regard to, the character of the material, and at the expense of Masonic dignity. If any wrong is done the applicant the responsibility must rest with the lodge or the individual brother who carelessly cast the rejecting vote. The peculiar powers of the Grand Master should not be invoked or exercised to remedy carelessness on the part of subordinate lodges or members. In this connection, I would caution both lodges and members to look well into the moral character and fitness of applicants for initiation and membership; to be particularly careful in casting the ballot, and absolutely silent, even to each other, respecting the result."

The Grand Master also, in eloquent language, refers to the death, by assassination, of our lamented brother, President Garfield :—

"But, my brethren, we, as a Grand Lodge, as individual Masons, in common with every Grand Lodge jurisdiction and subordinate Lodge in this great country and throughout the civilized world, had a more endearing interest in his life, and greater cause to mourn the death of James A. Garfield. He was

our brother. A thrill of fraternal feeling will vibrate in each heart at the thought for in him we have the embodiment of all those beautiful symbolic teachings that distinguish our mystic order. In his life and great successes we have spread out before us the possibilities to be achieved by strictly obeying the sublime precepts of Masonry, and in his death a fitting and glorious illustration of that immortality that crowns the true Mason's earthly career."

And a series of resolutions upon this painful subject were passed by Grand Lodge, and are printed with appropriate signs of mourning in the Proceedings.

G. M., T. M. Pomeroy.

G. S., Cornelius Hedges, Helena.

Lodges, 25; Members, 839.

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## NEVADA—1881.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada commenced at Masonic Hall, Virginia City, June 14th, 1881.

The M. W. Grand Master, DeWitt C. McKenny, presided, and delivered an address abounding in eloquent poetic extracts, as well as others not so eloquent, but more pointed. He urged upon his brethren the importance of charity beginning at home, denounced intemperate habits in Masons, and enlarged upon the moral considerations which go to make up a strong and healthy institution.

The report of V. W. Robert H. Taylor, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges (among them Nova Scotia) in a very thorough, impartial, and interesting manner. Indeed, we can candidly affirm that we have seldom perused a more able review of Masonic affairs. Bro. Taylor, in a most touching valedictory, announces his intended removal from Nevada. His departure will be a great loss to that jurisdiction. Happy the brethren among whom he next pitches his tent!

The affairs of Masonry in Nevada are in good condition. No. Masons on Roll, 1,397. Raise during the year, 62. No. Lodges, 20. Grand Lodge dues for year, $1,588.

M. W., H. S. Mason, Carson, Grand Master.

R. W., John D. Hammond, Carson, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

## NEW BRUNSWICK—1881.

The fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of St. John, commencing Tuesday, April 26th, 1881, at 3 o'clock, P. M., M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Grand Master, presiding, with, among others, the Rev. Francis Partridge, Deputy Grand Master, and V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-three Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master in his address, thus feelingly alludes to the death of our late M. W. Bro. Crowe:

"We were all deeply pained to hear of the death of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia. Within a comparatively short period, the grim intruder against whose entrance the strictest tyling is of no avail, has entered the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and with imperious summons called from its Grand East the presiding officers. The M. W. Brother, ALLEN HILL CROWE, was only in his 47th year He had long been one of the most active, as he was one of the best informed Masons in America. He was a genial, well-disposed man, of kindly manners, with a warm heart, a liberal hand, and deservedly respected by the whole brotherhood of Nova Scotia. I think he must have been greatly liked by his intimate friends, for his personal qualities alone. In this city he had many acquaintances, to whom his death came home with much force. It seemed to me proper, both on personal grounds and out of respect to our sister jurisdiction, to have our Grand Lodge represented at the funeral. After consulting with several of our members, I decided to attend to that melancholy duty myself, and with our R. W. Grand Secretary, I went to Halifax, and participated in the last rites over all that was mortal of our dear departed brother.

"It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And, 'midst the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God."

"To our brethren in these and all other jurisdictions who have suffered during the year by 'the hand of death, which respects not high position, but wields the fatal scythe with stern impartiality,' we send our sincere and heartfelt condolence."

The Grand Secretary makes this memorable statement:

"All the Lodges in the jurisdiction have completed their returns and payments in full; I have, consequently, much pleasure in stating that there are no outstanding debts due by any Lodge."

Model Lodges and happy Grand Secretary!

One John Melick, a Master Mason, was expelled from the Craft on a well proven charge of forgery.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Partridge, now of Halifax, presented his commission as Representative of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, and was duly received and saluted as such with the usual honors.

M. W, Benjamin R. Stevenson, St. Andrew's, Grand Master.

R. W. W, F. Bunting, St. John, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW BRUNSWICK—1882.

Special Communication at St. Stephen, June 24th, 1881, for the purpose of laying, with Masonic Ceremonies, the Corner Stone of the St. Croix Cotton Mill.

The valuable services of the Knights Templar of St. John, in escorting the procession was thus duly and very properly recognized:

"The Grand Master informed Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary had, under his direction, acknowledged the reception of the offer of the Encampment of St. John, and had in his name, accepted the services so generously and so courteously proffered."

*Fifteenth Annual Communication* was held in St. John, commencing April 25th, 1882, M. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Grand Master, presiding, with twenty-three Lodges represented.

Referring to the imposing public event of the year—the laying of the Corner Stone of the St. Croix Cotton Mill, the Grand Master says:

"Grand Lodge has to acknowledge with many thanks the splendid escort furnished by the St. John Encampment of Knights Templar.

"During the year I have with pleasure, discharged, to some extent, what I consider one of the most important duties of Grand Master—that of visiting, as much as possible, the Lodges within the jurisdiction. Public ceremonial, such as laying a Corner Stone under circumstances so auspicious as attended the laying of the Corner Stone of the St. Croix Cotton Mill, does much to place our institution in favorable relation with the public generally. It begets respect and admiration whose result is soon felt within the Lodges.

"Visitation, however, of Grand Master with a good accompanying of Grand Lodge officers begets zeal and earnestness in Lodge work and convinces Lodges that they must efficiently discharge their duties in relation to the institution, and that they are receiving, in reciprocity, the benefits of Grand Lodge institution."

Grand Secretaries will read with admiration, the following again from Bro. Bunting:

"I have received the returns and payments complete from every Lodge in the jurisdiction.

"There is a diminution in the membership of two, as compared with the returns of A. D. 1880."

Twenty warrants, surrendered to England at the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, had been courteously returned to the Lodges by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, at the request of Bro. Bunting.

Bro. Bunting, the able and very efficient Grand Secretary, has gone up higher! Before receiving his well-deserved promotion, we have the following from him:

"For a few years past it has been my desire and I may say my endeavor to retire from the office of Grand Secretary, but on every occasion when I have expressed my wish in this respect, it was met with such strenuous opposition that I was forced to succumb. So much time is required in the faithful discharge of the duties appertaining to the office, and a change in my public relations having recently taken place, imposing increased demands upon my attention, that I am compelled from force of circumstances, to announce to Grand Lodge, with all gentleness and determination, my intention to retire from the office at this Communication."

The following resolution referring to our esteemed Brother was adopted, ordered to be engrossed on vellum and transmitted to Bro. Bunting:

"*Resolved*, That Grand Lodge desires to express in the heartiest terms its high sense of the efficient and effective way in which that Right Worshipful Brother has discharged all the duties pertaining to the important office of Grand Secretary, by which the affairs of the Craft in this Jurisdiction are in a condition entirely satisfactory to Grand Lodge, declaring that by all his Masonic works, by his counsel and advice, by his knowledge of Masonic law and ritual, by his patient and unwearied efforts for the good of the Craft, and his uniform courtesy to brothers of every degree, he has won for himself an enduring place in the hearts of the Freemasons of New Brunswick.

"*Resolved*, That while expressing its sense of the loss it has sustained by his retirement from the position he has so long and so worthily filled, Grand Lodge is nevertheless glad to be able to congratulate the Right Worshipful Brother that his retirement is due largely to a personal cause of much interest to his friends, his advancement to the head of an important public department of

the City of St. John—that of Chairman of the Board of Assessors—with which he has had official connection for a number of years, and to express the hope that he may be long spared to discharge the duties of that honorable position."

M. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, St. Andrew's, Grand Master.

R. W. William F. Bunting, St. John, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Edwin J. Wetmore, St. John, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 32; Members, 2,057.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1881.

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was held in the City of Manchester, Dec. 28th, 1880, Andrew Bunton, M. W. G. M., in the Chair.

The Annual Communication (92nd) was held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Concord, May 18th, 1881, Grand Master Bunton in the Chair. His address refers to the lamented decease of R. W. Bro. F. McDuffie, of New Hampshire; of our late Grand Master Crowe, and of Bros. Miner, Town, and Weller. He expressed himself as opposed to any Masonic recognition of the (so-called) Egyptian Rite. The reports of the six D. D. G. M.'s show that much valuable inspection is had throughout the jurisdiction, and form interesting reading.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is an extremely able paper, dealing fully with the subject of incorporation of Lodges, the power of Lodges to sue their members, and the Masonic and legal bearings of the whole question. This report will form a valuable compendium of the law for future reference. The doctrine corresponds with that laid down and approved by our own Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba was formally recognized and welcomed among the Sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

The Committee on Returns report, among other things, as follows:—No. Lodges, 76; Membership, 1880, 7,758.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges, among them that of Nova Scotia for 1880—which receives appreciative reference.

Our report on Foreign Correspondence for that year, presented by the late Chairman Crowe, is kindly mentioned as a "model report." We are far from satisfied with our own reports as a rule, and of course, compared with the able, and in some instances elaborate, reviews published by the Committees of New Hampshire, Alabama, Missouri, and others, ours must seem very insipid and brief. We strive, however, to present the salient features of the work in each jurisdiction with which we hold fraternal relations.

Bro. Wait's concluding observations concerning what is called the "American Doctrine" are well worthy attentive perusal.

M. W. Grand Master, Frank A. McKean.

R. W. Grand Secretary, George P. Cleaves.

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, A. S. Wait.

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## NEW JERSEY—1882.

New Jersey comes to us this year embellished with an engraved portrait of M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, Past Grand Master.

The ninety-fifth Annual Grand Communication was held in the City of Trenton, on the 18th and 19th days of January, 1882, M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Martin, Grand Master, presiding, *with all the* Grand Officers at their stations. There were present also eleven District Deputy Grand Masters; six Past Grand Masters; four Past Deputy Grand Masters; other Past Grand Officers; thirty Representatives of other Grand Lodges; one hundred and twenty-two Past Masters; and Representatives from one hundred and thirty-eight Subordinate Lodges—there being about 150 on the roll.

The great interest manifested in the Annual Communication by the brethren of New Jersey is highly creditable to them.

Well might the Grand Master commence his excellent address with the following words:—

**"With earnest hearts and willing hands."**

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge.—With earnest hearts and willing hands, with reliance on ourselves under God, with thanksgivings to Him for past blessings, and with supplication for His guidance in the labors before us, we enter at once on the business of the ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

"It is a pleasure to report that peace and harmony exist among the Lodges, and between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge. But two occasions have arisen during the year where differences have required the intervention of the Grand Master, and the prompt acquiescence of the offending Lodges in his decisions has served to confirm and strengthen my often expressed belief in the utter loyalty to this Grand Body of its subordinates."

The obituary portion of the address, which occupies six closely-printed pages, commences thus :—

"God has laid His hand heavily upon us since the close of our last Communication. There are 'waiting for us' Brethren whose familiar faces and hearty hand-grasps we sadly miss to-day, and naught is left us but the sweet recollections of their virtues and the dear privilege of attestation to them."

Referring to our late Bro. Crowe, he says :—

"M. W. Brother Crowe was warmly beloved by the community in which he lived and by the Craft he governed. No Mason in that jurisdiction was more familiar with its work, better skilled in its law, or more devoted to the tenets of Freemasonry, while in his daily walk in life he always exhibited the ennobling qualities of an honest, public-spirited citizen, and an upright, Christian man. His bereaved Brethren will cherish his virtues, and will never forget the many beautiful examples he has left them to emulate."

From the Grand Master's decisions we quote :—

"Sentence of definite suspension expires with its limitation, and its expiration restores the suspended Brother to all rights and privileges held before suspension, without any action by the Lodge which suspended him.

"A Lodge-room intended only for temporary occupancy must not be dedicated to Freemasonry.

"A Brother, who, at the time of death, is in good and regular Masonic standing, should not be denied Masonic burial because he died by his own hand.

"Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are subject to trial under the existing Code, for offences committed since their initiation."

The holding of office in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey means something, for we have before us reports from the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the Grand Instructor, in addition to those from the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and from the Committees.

The Committee on Condolence presented the following, which was adopted :—

"The Special Committee on Obituary Resolutions, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to the death of

Brother James A. Garfield, President of the United States of America, would fraternally recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, which has ever been true to the Commonwealth and to the Union, joins with our great Brotherhood throughout this Republic and the world in deploring the loss sustained by the Craft and by the nation, in the tragic death within our borders of Brother James A. Garfield, then President of the United States; a true and faithful Brother, whose heroic life, patient endurance in suffering, calm trust and triumphant death, bore witness to the truth of those great tenets of our Fraternity which are drawn from the Sacred Word—'Our First Great Light.'

"*Resolved*, That we hereby place on record our sympathy with the sorrowing household, and our fraternal regard for the honored dead, although, perhaps

'For us the stroke was just;
We were not worthy of that patient heart;
We might have helped him more, not stood apart
And coldly criticised his works and ways.
Too late now, all too late, our little praise
Sounds hollow o'er his dust.'"

The following estimate for 1882 will give our readers in Nova Scotia some idea of what it costs to run New Jersey, a Grand Lodge not so very much larger than our own :—

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| Salary of Grand Secretary | $1,500 00 |
| Salary of Grand Treasurer | 100 00 |
| Salary of Grand Instructor | 300 00 |
| Salary of German District Deputy | 150 00 |
| Salary of Grand Tyler | 50 00 |
| Office Expenses | 450 00 |
| Printing | 1,000 00 |
| Official Expenses | 2,000 00 |
| Total | $5,550 00 |

One hundred and twelve pages are devoted to the Report on Foreign Correspondence, much of which we would like to give our readers, but want of space forbids.

M. W. Bro. William Hardacre, Grand Master, Camden.

R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

## NEW SOUTH WALES—1881.

With a request to *notice* and *exchange*, we have received the Proceedings of this distant Grand Lodge. We most gladly comply with the former request and feel confident Bro. Curren will as gladly exchange.

It is a young Grand Lodge,—(*Semper floreat.*)—June 24th, 1881, was only its 3rd Annual Communication, but its Proceedings are well printed and are ornamented with the portraits of two solid looking brethren—Grand Master the Hon. James S. Farnell, and Deputy Grand Master A. W. Manning.

The brethren of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales hold Quarterly Communications.

The learned Bro. Dr. A. S. Mackey, was their Representative near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, U. S. A., and a memorial page is dedicated to him. The plate is one of the very best we have ever seen for this purpose—a Mason kneeling by a plain cross, in front of which is a shield bearing the name, &c., of the departed brother, while in a kind of shadowy mezzo-tint background an angel points to the "Grand Lodge above."

The following from the speech of D. G. M. Manning at the Banquet, will give a better idea of Masonic affairs in New South Wales than anything we can write:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—As representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia it becomes my pleasing duty to respond to that portion of the toast just given, which embraces 'All Sister Grand Lodges'; and most heartily do I thank you on behalf of the Grand Lodge I have the honor to represent, for the cordial manner in which it, with others, has been remembered. I am aware it is usual among Masons, on special occasions, to give such a toast as that to which I am now called on to respond, and that there is a certain amount of formality in the observance, but I was much gratified by the *real heartiness* of the brethren when doing honor to those Grand Lodges, which, throughout the universe, are striving with their sister of New South Wales to disseminate the excellent tenets and principles of Freemasonry, and to distribute in the remotest corners of the earth the fruits of its benevolence. I am sure the Grand Lodge at Washington will hear with much satisfaction that you have borne her in mind at this Annual Festival, and that it will tend to strengthen the bonds of mutual regard, and the readiness to co-operate in the cause to which we are mutually sworn. There is wisdom, strength, and beauty in *union*. The youngest in the Masonic family, the Grand

Lodge of New South Wales, we cannot fail to prosper while thus supported by its sisters of mature age and more extended experience; and it well becomes the Junior to acknowledge its indebtedness for the assistance afforded by encouragement. I, personally, deem it an especial honor to represent such a body as the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and to be placed in direct communication with the exalted and erudite brother, who, in that Grand Lodge, represents the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and to whose good offices may be attributed the recognitions so promptly and unconditionally accorded to. The name of Bro. Dr. Mackey is in itself a tower of strength, as affording indisputable proof of the regular and constitutional organization of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The testimony of such a brother, proclaimed to the world by his voluntary assumption of representative, is in the highest degree flattering to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and cannot fail materially to influence such grand bodies as have not yet formally given recognition to the Grand Lodge here assembled at the Annual Festival; and we may confidently look forward to an early admission, upon terms of equality, in every land where Freemasonry is known. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales may be proud of its representative at Washington, the chief city of the United States, and the seat of government, Bro. Mackey being an undoubted authority upon all points of Masonic jurisprudence, and acknowledged as such, even by the Grand Lodge of the United Kingdom, whence we derived our birth, and *from whom alone the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has experienced opposition.* The time will come when they will acknowledge their error, and, no longer regarding us as outcasts for disloyalty, will offer the right hand of fellowship, and thus enable the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to retain, undisturbed, the position she has assumed, because she rightly deemed herself entitled thereto. None will more cordially felicitate her on the consummation of her desires than the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, on whose behalf I am sure I may offer congratulations on the past success and future prospects of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

M. W. Grand Master, James S. Farnell.
R. W. Grand Registrar, H. G. Rowell.
Lodges, 27.

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## NEW YORK—1881.

This was a remarkable, because a *Centenary* Communication. Grand Lodge met in the City of New York, June 5th, 1881. M. W. Bro. J. B. Anthony, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address the Grand Master thus fraternally alludes to our loss:

"The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has suffered a severe loss in the death of W. M. Allen Hill Crowe, who died November 10, 1880.

"It is somewhat remarkable that the Masonic fraternity of that Province has been called the second time within a few years, to follow to the grave the head of the Craft. M. W. A. H. Crowe was universally respected, and his elevation to the responsible position of Grand Master was not due to social rank, wealth, or fortuitous circumstances, but the just tribute to a life freely devoted to the good of the Craft. In this dispensation we tender our sympathy.

'Death loves a shining mark.'"

At the Centennial celebration on June 7th, the Grand Master delivered an interesting historical address on Freemasonry in the State of New York.

In Foreign Correspondence Nova Scotia is fraternally noticed for 1880, and contains these remarks:

"The Grand Master thinks that a candidate having been initiated, his further progress should only be stopped by charges and trial.

"Although, as we have said in former reports, this view is gradually coming to the front, still it is very far from having general acceptance. There is a great deal to be said on both sides of this question, though we do not propose to say it now, but only to express a wish that there might be a more general accord among Grand Lodges on the more salient points of Masonic law and practice.

"The business transacted, though considerable in volume, was entirely local in character."

W. M. Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master, New York.
R. W. Jas. M. Austin, Grand Secretary, New York.
Lodges, 715; Members, 73,000.

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## NORTH CAROLINA—1881.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina met in its ninety-fifth Annual Communication in the city of Raleigh, Dec. 6th, 1881.

R. W. Thos. S. Kenan, P. D. G. M., representing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was among those present.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, H. F. Grainger, is an interesting document. Among other things, he remarks: "It is a very pleasing announcement that I have to make to you of the increasing interest in Masonry in many parts of the State, while it is to be regretted that there has been a declension in others. Upon the whole, however, it is evident that it has improved and is improving. * * * We are approaching a brighter era of prosperity than we

have enjoyed for several years past." The decisions mentioned are few but of no general interest.

The G. M. again urgently pressed upon the members of the Grand Lodge the great benefits which the Lodges would derive from District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum, "perhaps the most extensive and best organized charity in existence under Masonic supervision in this country, is steadily advancing in its grand career of usefulness." The accounts and description of this noble charity, gathered from this and previous reports, makes every Mason, the world over, swell with pride and gratification. It is a standing monument to the devotion to high principle and true benevolence characteristic of our brethren in North Carolina.

The G. M. requested to be excused from serving a second term, but to their credit, it is to be noted, the members of Grand Lodge refused him his modest request—re-electing him for 1882.

The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum confirm the favorable views taken by the Grand Master.

Lodges, 220; Raised, 1881, 218; Members and resident Masons, 11,396.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

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## OHIO—1881.

This is the native State of our murdered brother the lamented President of the United States, James A. Garfield, and so, most becomingly, we have a portrait of Giteau's victim as the frontispiece of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. A memorial resolution was passed to his memory, and a memorial page is devoted to recording his Masonic history. There is also a portrait and memoir of Bro. A. G. Mackey.

The 72nd Annual Communication was held at Toledo, Oct. 18th, A. L. 5881. The M. W. Grand Master presiding. From his statement of official acts, we take the following:

"Decided that a brother charged with and placed on trial for unmasonic conduct had a right to select counsel to defend him, and that for such purpose

he had a right to designate any Master Mason in good standing who would consent to undertake his defence, whether the person so selected were a member of the Lodge in which the charges were preferred, or of some other Lodge.

"July 28th I received letters from the Secretary and from several of the brethren of Blazing Star Lodge, North Lewisburg, O., which contain substantially the following statement: One W. L Hoops, an attorney-at-law, a man of good moral character, possessing large intelligence and good principles, petitioned for the degrees in said lodge. The petition was received, referred in the usual manner, reported upon favorably, and the candidate was balloted for, and elected to receive the degree of Entered Apprentice. After entering the Lodge, at the altar, to the usual question, he replied, 'In a Supreme Power.' On the question being repeated, he replied, 'In a Supreme Controlling Power.' The question was then asked, 'Do you put your trust in God?' to which he answered, 'I don't know.' And thereupon the Worshipful Master ordered the Senior Deacon to conduct him out of the Lodge. My opinion was asked in approval or disapproval of the decision of the Worshipful Master. The thought in the mind of the candidate was that, admitting and professing belief in a Supreme Controlling Power, he did not believe that Power to be *personal*. But even in that view of the subject, it has seemed to me not at all clear that the candidate could not have answered the question in the affirmative. However that may be, the candidate must, as I understand it, be able to answer it in the affirmative. He must be able to say, and that of himself, that in times of difficulty and danger his trust is in God. Nor will he be able to avoid this test by suggesting any particular beliefs or differences of opinion in regard to the form or personality of Deity. The Masonic requirements is the expression of faith and trust—faith in God and trust in his protection. The action of the Master was approved."

Our Representative was in his place.

Nova Scotia receives full and fraternal notice from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1880. Of our Grand Master Laurie's address it says:

"Though brief (four pages), is a well-written document; all the better for its brevity."

And concludes with the following note, which we assure our Ohio brethren is fully appreciated:

NOTE.—With sorrow be it said that our M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe departed this life November 10, 1880, at the age of forty-seven. We tender our fraternal sympathies to the brethren of that Jurisdiction in the great loss sustained by the death of their Grand Master.

M. W. Grand Master, Charles C. Kiefer.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.

Lodges, 515; Members, 29,100.

## OREGON—1881.

The 31st Annual Communication was held in Portland, June 13th 1881, M. W. R. P. Earhart, Grand Master, presiding. We are rejoiced to see the Grand Master was able to speak so well for the Craft in his jurisdiction :—

"I congratulate you most heartily upon the prosperous condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction. Its progress has been slow but sure. It has become a great power for good among our whole people. Its influence and its teachings are felt in the hamlets of the poor and the palaces of the rich. The homes of the widow and the orphan are gladdened by generous hands, while the heart of the weary way-worn traveller is cheered and rejoiced by its influences. It restrains man from the commission of injustice, and its hand is stretched forth to remove temptation from the erring. It is active in all those things which concern the best interests of mankind, and is the unceasing enemy of vice in every form."

His decisions are sound :—

"That the ballot upon the application of a candidate must be secret, and its secrecy must be sacred. There may be circumstances under which a brother who has cast a black ball may reveal his vote to the Master of his Lodge; but there are none under which a brother may declare to any one that he has cast a white ball.

"The Master has the undoubted right to convene his Lodge in special or emergent meetings at any time. But he cannot, upon his own motion, omit a regular communication, the time for which is fixed by the by-laws of his Lodge. The regular meetings of a Lodge must be held on the day and commence at the hour fixed by the by-laws."

"The following is well worthy of attention, as we know by the hearing of our ears :—

"I have often observed in Lodges well-intentioned brethren, without reflection, propose a course of action in some particular matter, which was at variance with Masonic rule or usage, and attempt the quotation of a law learned elsewhere, and unknown to our jurisprudence.

"In my correspondence during the past year I have received letters addressed to 'Grand Worthy Master,' 'Worthy Grand Master,' 'Right Worthy Grand Master,' and one communication addressed to the 'Grand Worthy Chief Master Mason.'

"I have heard the Worshipful Master addressed as 'Worthy Master,' and the Tyler referred to as the 'Outside Guardian.' Many of you, perhaps, may

know where these designations belong, when properly applied. I am quite sure, however, that they were never learned in a Masonic Lodge.

"I will not pursue this line of thought further, Brethren, but will only add that in an institution like ours, ancient and established usages, even of the most trivial character, should be adhered to with the utmost tenacity, as by such a course only, the most effectual barrier can be erected against innovation on the essentials of the Craft. 'Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set.'".

Nova Scotia (1880) is most kindly noticed by Brother Chadwick in his Report on Foreign Correspondence. Let our Nova Scotia brethren notice what far-off Oregon thinks of our Grand Master's action :—

"It became necessarry for the Representatives of one Subordinate Lodge to apologize for the insubordinate conduct of its Master in declining to answer a summons of the Grand Master. There is nothing like discipline after all."

And they don't believe in Oregon in incorporating Subordinate Lodges, we are glad to see.

Our dear Brother Crowe never saw the following :—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of Bro. Allen H. Crowe. It is a full review of Sister Grand Lodge proceedings. Oregon, for 1879, is acknowledged and receives a friendly consideration. Bro. P. G. M. Clow's decisions are reproduced and approved; and our review of the action of the French Orient is highly spoken of, and it is quoted almost bodily by Bro. Crowe. We congratulate our brother on his promotion to the Grand East, where he honored the station and received the congratulations of his brethren."

M. W. Grand Master, G. M. Stroud, Portland.

R. W. Grand Secretary, F. J. Babcock, Salem.

Lodges, 67 ; Members, 2,656.

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## PENNSYLVANIA -1881.

A good engraved frontispiece shows what a noble Fabric the Masons of this Jurisdiction have raised as a "Temple."

Reports are given of Quarterly Communications March 2, June 1, September 7, December 7, and the Annual Grand, December 27, A. L. 5881, at which R. W. Bro. S. B. Dick presided. The Grand

Master's address is business like, and shows he has not been idle. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is thus shown:

"Reference to the report of the Finance Committee of 1880, shows that in 1875 our debt had reached its maximum, being $1,470,525. Since which time it has been reduced nearly $200,000, or $33,000 per annum.

"The estimates of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, based on reliable data, show our ability to continue the reduction of our debt, in a proper ratio, in addition to lightening the burdens of the city Lodges by a reduction of rents, which was done last year.

"We trust that the sale of the Chestnut Street Hall, and the continued payments to the Sinking Fund, will very shortly reduce our indebtedness to $1,000,000."

We also quote the following:

"The proposed celebration of our 150th Anniversary is received with much interest by the Brethren, both in this jurisdiction and elsewhere.

"It is, indeed, a most interesting occasion. Especially in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge, which was constituted on St. John the Baptist's Day, A. D. 1732, in Philadelphia, by lawful authority, derived from the Grand Lodge of England, was the first in point of time which existed on this Continent."

The notice of Nova Scotia is of the kindliest and most fraternal; and the brotherly remarks with regard to the past and present chairmen of the Committee are fully appreciated and are warmly reciprocated towards P. G. M. Richard Vaux, who so ably presides over the same department in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Samuel B. Dick, M. W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Lodges, 555; Members, 34,836.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND--1881.

Semi-annual Communication held at Georgetown, 15th December, 1880.

Sixth Annual Communication, on St. John's Day, in June. 1881, at Charlottetown.

At the first the R. W. D. G. Master Brother McKelvie presided. At the second the M. W. John Yeo, Grand Master, occupied the Throne.

Our Representative, R. W. Bro. Higgs, was present at the Annual Communication, and we call particular attention to the following, on the subject of Representatives, from the Grand Master's address:

"This Grand Lodge has now representatives to and from thirty-three Grand Lodges, an increase of nineteen in the past two years. The office of Grand Representative appears to be one rather of honor than of service, but it can be made the means of much usefulness, if the brethren holding such offices would carefully peruse the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from which they are appointed, and communicate all matters of interest to this Grand Lodge. They should also communicate to their constituents an abstract of our proceedings and other matters of masonic interest."

Bro. Wakefield, as Representative of Utah and Maine, reported, as also Bro. Small, of Arkansas.

From the Standing Resolutions we copy:

"*Whereas*, Intemperance is an evil that afflicts humanity and injures society, and whereas, our time-honored and beloved institution has, through its agency and the indiscretions of some of its members, suffered from its influences, and whereas, we regard the excessive use of alcoholic liquors as a violation of the principles of Free Masonry, and as a sin against God, the Grand Artificer of the universe.

"*Therefore Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge records its disapprobation of the custom of having intoxicating drinks at Masonic suppers and festivals."

There is no review of Proceedings of other Lodges!

M. W. Bro. John Yeo, Port Hill, Grand Master.

R. W. G. W. Wakeford, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary.

## QUEBEC—1881.

The first page of these Proceedings opens with notice of "Our Martyred Brother—General the Hon. James Abram Garfield." On the next Quebec mourns with us the loss of our worthy and highly esteemed Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe.

We would endorse what is said with regard to the title Grand Lodge of *Canada* :—

"It seems opportune to call the attention of the Craft in the Province of Ontario to the undesirableness of their longer continuing to call their Grand Body 'The Grand Lodge of *Canada*.'

"Since the establishment of this Grand Lodge, the territorial jurisdiction of the G. L. of old 'Canada' is in and over the Province of Ontario only, and hence for many reasons it should be 're-christened' 'The Grand Lodge of Ontario.' To continue to call herself by a name which, since July 1, 1867, designates the whole territory of the Dominion, savors, to say the least, of an assumption of superiority of some kind to which she cannot rightfully lay claim. The names, 'Grand Lodge of Canada,' 'Grand Lodge of (the Province of) Quebec,' 'Grand Lodge of (the Province of) New Brunswick, &c., &c., injuriously lead many brethren in the Mother Country and elsewhere to suppose that the Grand Lodges of these several Provinces are somehow subordinate to 'The Grand Lodge of *Canada*,' and that they bear a similar relation to it as the 'Provincial Grand Lodges' of England do to 'The Grand Lodge of England.' Error though this notion abroad is, yet it exists and does not a little harm to this and other Grand Lodges of the Dominion. Conscientious correspondents are also obliged to call it the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario). It also appears that besides removing injustice to others, it would materially benefit herself to become *de nomine* what she is *de facto* and *de jure*."

The 12th Annual Communication was held at Montreal, Sept. 28th, 1881.

A great portion of the pamphlet of 28 pages is taken up with official correspondence between H. R. H. the M. W. Grand Master of England and the M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, upon the relations between the Grand Lodge of England and the private Lodges of her institution in Quebec, and with historical facts and deductions upon the subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty.

M. W. John H. Graham, LL. D., Grand Master.

R. W. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND—1881.

The M. W. the Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, met in Providence, September 30th, 1880. M. W. E. L. Freeman, Grand Master, presiding, who, in his address, said:

"Since we last met here in Annual Communication a year has quickly rolled away, bringing diverse experiences to each one; pain and pleasure, sorrow and joy, prosperity and adversity have been meted out to us, as it has seemed best to Him who knows the end from the beginning and in whose sight a thousand years are but as a day. Whatever of good or ill there has been in our lives and experiences, is garnered with the great past which reaches back even beyond our thought, and from whose embrace we are powerless to recall the slightest fragment. Still there comes from it, if we will but turn a listening ear, voices which speak sweet promises of better days to come, or whisper solemn warnings against the repetition of our failures and follies."

From his decisions we extract:

"In answer to the question as to whether the second degree could be conferred when only six brethren were present?

"I replied that while I should think it advisable under such circumstances to postpone the work, yet I was not aware of any regulation of this Grand Lodge or in the General Regulations of Freemasonry that would forbid it. That while it requires seven members of a Lodge to ballot for initiation or membership, yet according to the old rituals three Master Masons could open a Master's Lodge for work, provided they possessed the necessary constitutional qualifications.

"The question was asked, what steps were to be taken to release jurisdiction over a profane that had been rejected more than seven years ago, and who had since moved into an adjoining State?

"I replied that by Section 13, Article VII., a subordinate Lodge had no jurisdiction whatever over a rejected candidate who had removed from the jurisdiction, after seven years had elapsed from the time of said rejection.

"Decided that a person who had lost the left arm near the elbow, was not a proper candidate for the degrees.

"A person who while absent in a foreign country received the degrees, upon his return to this jurisdiction desired to visit a Lodge. I decided that he could not be allowed to visit and that the brethren must not hold Masonic intercourse with him. Afterwards he desired to affiliate with the Lodge, and I authorized the Master, if he was satisfied that the person referred to was ignorant of our regulations, and innocent of any attempt to contravene them, to examine him and if he was satisfied that he had been made in a regular Lodge and had the proper vouchers, to receive his application for membership in the usual way, and admit him upon a unanimous ballot, and the payment of the regular fee."

This volume has two fine steel engravings—one of the late President Garfield, the other of Grand Master E. L. Freeman. There is no review of other Grand Lodge proceedings, but a two-page report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master, Thos. Vincent, Westerley.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Edwin Baker, Providence.

Lodges, 37, Members, 3743.

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## TEXAS—1881.

The 46th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held December 8th., 1881, M. W. J. H. McLeary, Grand Master, presiding. From his address he seems to have been pretty well worked:

"My labors have been arduous, and I fear that it may be with a feeling of too great relief that I approach the time when I shall surrender the gavel and the cares of the exalted station in which your brotherly love has placed me to some other Brother, who, if he may not have more zeal for the cause of Freemasonry, may have more leisure for the work, and more ability to perform the high duties of the Oriental Chair. In this connection, I beg to assure my successor that the office of Grand Master of Masons in Texas is no sinecure. Every moment of leisure has been devoted to its duties, and the manual exertion alone is considerable. I have written during the year about four hundred letters to the Brethren, and distributed several thousand circulars. It has been my lot, also, to make many decisions, involving more or less labor and investigation, the most important of which only will be reported. I have not been able to visit extensively, as was my intention, owing to the confining duties of the political office which the people of Texas have called me to fill."

We should like to hear the following decision discussed:

"During the summer I paid an official visit to Austin Lodge, No. 12, and waited a little while in the ante-room while some other Brethren entered, and while sitting there R. W. Bro. J. W. Stalnaker, D. D. G. M., Ninth District, and a member of Austin Lodge came out, and informed me that the Lodge was ready to receive me as Grand Master. I arose to accompany him, and he offered to give the alarm, but I forbid him so to do, and instructed him that such a course was not usual and proper on a visit from the Grand Master. He said I could not enter otherwise. I told him I could, and opened the door and walked in, was properly received, and before resuming work Bro. Stalnaker raised the question as to whether the Grand Master had a right to enter the Lodge

without giving the alarm; and I then and there decided that when the Grand Master is personally known to the Tiler to be such, he has a right to enter any Subordinate Lodge while at labor, and no Tiler, or other officer, has a right to refuse him admittance, and no permission from the Master of the Subordinate Lodge is necessary."

Of course President Garfield is mourned for as a Man and a Mason. A Lodge of sorrow was held Sunday evening, December 11th, in memory of those who departed this life during the Masonic year, and R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Matthews delivered an appropriate and interesting address, which we should like to copy entire, but have only space for the following:

"The Mason who fully appreciates and is faithful to the solemn vows entered into on the checquered pavement of the Temple, will in all things, and under all circumstances, exercise the virtue Temperance. And more especially will he do so in the use of that which is, beyond all question, the greatest curse and scourge, to which in these days of boasted progress and reform, poor, weak, frail humanity is exposed; the seemingly resistless tide of which is now rolling its seething, boiling torrent over the whole face of this fair land, leaving in its devastating track naught save the hideous blackened wrecks of virtue, morality and religion.

"Its coming is announced by the fierce, demoniac howls of drunkenness, and its going is echoed by the heartrending wail of ruin and despair, which comes up from the miserable, pitiable victims which it leaves behind. Its pathway is strewn thick as leaves in autumn with the bloated, putrifying corpses of the morally dead and dying, while ever and anon the phantom of death, scenting afar its prey, screams with devilish glee the mournfully sad requiem of the drunkard. An uncontrollable thirst for alcoholic drinks drags down into degradation's deepest depths, and chains there, the loftiest intellects, and substitutes for pure and ennobling desires, the gratification of mere brutish appetite. Under its baneful, poisonous influence, the holy vow, breath of first pure love at wedlock's altar, is shamelessly forgot, or even worse, becomes the ribald and the jest of the filthy brothel, while she, who by the laws of God and man, is entitled to his first and holiest consideration, becomes the neglected, pitiable cast-off thing, a *drunkard's wife.* God in mercy, pity, help the poor, misguided, *forgetful* Mason; God in his kindness, pity the man who is bound in the coils of this tyrant vice, for His strong arm above can break asunder its triple strands. My Brethren, I entreat *you* by all the ties that bind us as Masons; by the recollection of your homes, your firesides and your household-gods; by all you are now or ever hope to be; by all of or in life that you hold dear; aye, by all of these and more, *I beg you,* avoid its enticing, polluting, ruinous, damning draught, as you would shun the confines of Infamy itself. Be temperate in all things, thus showing to the world the purifying, restraining influences of our noble Brotherhood."

And of Faith, Hope and Charity he says they are :

"Three golden arrows in the quiver,
Filled else with darts of strife;
Three sunny islands in the river,
The rapid stream of life;
Three stars in heaven's gem-decked attire,
That never fade or dim;
Three harp-notes on the spirit-lyre.
Notes angels love to hymn;
Three blossoms from the land of flowers,
To cheer the wearied soul;
Three rays of beauty from the bowers
Beyond life's utmost goal;
Three rapturous strains of music swelling
Around the burial sod;
Three pillars in the holy dwelling,
The temple of our God."

The space which other Grand Lodges devote to Foreign Correspondence, is by Texas given up to a nominal return of all the Masons in the Jurisdiction.

M. W. T. M. Matthews, Grand Master.

R. W. G. H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary, Houston.

Lodges, 548; Members, 16,909.

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## VERMONT—1881.

Session held at Burlington June 15 and 16, 1881, M. W. Grand Master L. M. Read presiding.

Masonically, Vermont seems to be most prosperous. Hear the G. M. :

"We have great reason to be thankful for the almost universal peace and prosperity that has signalized the Order of Free Masonry in Vermont during the past year. No question of difference has arisen during the year necessitating the interference of your Grand Master. No questions of Masonic discipline have been submitted to me, nor any serious complaints of Masonic derelictions. Whatever questions of difference may have arisen in the Lodges, or among the Brethren, have been settled or disposed of without reference to the Grand Master, and I have no doubt have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. No other year of my administration has been so free from complaint and so prosperous and peaceful in all respects, so far as I am advised, as the year just ended. May this era of prosperity and good feeling long continue.

"In my visits among the Brethren I found much to commend, and but little to condemn. Work is well done, of great uniformity throughout the State, and there is very much less of the spirit of caviling opposition to the teachings of the Grand Lecturer than has been shown in former years.

"I am gratified to be able to report that payments of arrearages have been made by Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, in nearly every instance where the fact of such arrearages have been established."

In speaking of the fraternal dead, the Grand Master said:

"In January last I received a communication from Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, announcing the death of M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, who died on the 10th of November last, in the 47th year of his age. By the death of Brother Crowe, the Grand Lodge over which he presided has suffered the loss of one justly honored by the Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction, and the Order of Masonry one of its most earnest and zealous supporters. In token of our sympathy for our sister Grand Lodge for its great loss, it would seem to me appropriate that a memorial page be inscribed to his memory in our proceedings."

And with the greatest courtesy a memorial page is dedicated to the beloved memory of our late M. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe.

We would offer mutual sympathy with our sister Grand Lodge on the death of their eminent P. G. Master L. B. Englesby, who entered into Rest January 27, 1881.

The death of the eminent Albert G. Mackey is touchingly noticed in this as in all other Jurisdictions, as his Masonic virtues and abilities truly deserve.

In Foreign Correspondence Nova Scotia has an honorable share. G. M. Laurie's visit to Quebec, and mention of the Royal Standard Lodge in Halifax, are spoken of with approbation.

M. W. L. C. Butler, Grand Master.

R. W. W. H. Root, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

Lodges, 102; Members, 7,736.

## VIRGINIA—1881.

A Special Communication was held at Yorktown, 17th and 18th October, 1881, and we have before us full particulars of the ceremony then and there performed, of laying the corner-stone of the Centennial monument to be erected by the Government of the United States. The history of the apron and sash worn by the Grand Master on the occasion is interesting:

"The apron and sash, with the box, made in France, which contained them, were presented to Washington by La Fayette, as the handiwork of his wife, during his visit to Mount Vernon in 1784, and, on the 3rd June, 1812, Maj. Lawrence Lewis, nephew of Washington, on behalf of his son, Master Lorenzo Lewis, presented them to Lodge No. 22.

The chair used also had a history:

"The chair, according to tradition, is a present from Norborne Berkeley (Lord Botetourt) to the body of Masons who were in and around Williamsburg when he was the Royal Governor of Virginia, some time between 1768 and 1770, and it therefore became the property of Williamsburg Lodge, No. 6, when it was chartered, in 1773. It is older than the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and as the call for the convention of Lodges which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge originated in No. 6, and as it was organized in Williamsburg in 1777, we conclude that our first modern Most Excellent Grand Master, John Blair, presided in this chair at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

"Many other distinguished men and Masons have occupied it as Master; among them Washington and La Fayette, and Peyton Randolph, and others too numerous to mention."

And the gavel was of interest:

"A gavel made from one of the deck timbers of the frigate Lawrence, Commodore Perry's flag-ship at the battle of Lake Erie. It laid the corner-stone of the monument at Monmouth; it laid the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk, now in Central Park—which events are suitably engraved upon gold plates on its side. There is one plate yet vacant, and I know of no more worthy inscription to be placed there than that of the laying of the corner-stone at Yorktown."

Although this Communication was of the "surrender of Lord Cornwallis," we, as British subjects, can only admire the power and strength of Masonic cement, which with no roughness binds us

together with those who, one hundred years ago, were our opponents in war. This is part of the prayer offered:

"God bless the English Government and people, to whom we are so nearly related by blood, and from whom we have derived so much of permanent value in both our civil and religious institutions."

The orator was M. W. Beverly R. Welford, Jr., Past Grand Master. From the oration we quote:

"The event this occasion proposes to commemorate was scarcely less critical to British than it was to American liberty, and we are simply here to perpetuate the memory of heroic virtue in the successful defence of British birthright. Have we not then a right to claim the sympathies of every heart of kindred blood all over the world—and is it a mere delusion of our over-eager ears, which seems to catch in the distance the echoes of our thanksgiving songs as they are rolling back to us now o'er the land and the sea—from the emigrant homes of Canada—from the far away shores of New Zealand—from the gold fields of Australia—from India's coral strand—as well as from the dear old homesteads of the Fatherland by the Thames and the Mersey, the Clyde, the Tweed and the Shannon.

"Every Mason is especially enjoined to be a peaceable subject or citizen, and never to allow himself to be involved in riots, or conspiracies against the public peace and the welfare of the nation.

"Our Brethren, who live under monarchical governments, where the State is represented by an individual, are accustomed to emphasize their recognition of this obligation by electing as their Grand Master the reigning monarch, if a Mason, and if he be not, the heir apparent, if he be, and thus inviting in advance his official approval of all Masonic action.

"It is with them a practice, which beautifully harmonizes the reverence of Masonry for liberty and order—for while Masonry regards no man for his mere worldly wealth and honors, she does teach, as a cardinal civil virtue, loyalty to the State; and while she invests the representative of the State with her highest honors, that representative accepts and wears them as of her free and sovereign choice.

"With us no such practice can be needed or observed; but the suggestion of the practice naturally recalls an interesting incident in our national and Masonic history, when the President of the United States appeared at the head of a Masonic procession, clad in Masonic clothing, to perform the same Masonic office which you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, have this day performed. The contemporary journals of the day record the proceedings in Washington city on the 18th September, 1793, at the laying of the Corner-Stone of the first Capitol of the United States, when George Washington, then President of the United States, in concert with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several Lodges under its

jurisdiction, and his own Virginia Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, of which he then was Worshipful Master, laid that Corner-Stone, with all our ancient ceremonies."

The 104th Annual Communication was held at Richmond, 12th December, 1881, M. W. Peyton S. Coles, Grand Master, in the Grand East. A great deal of business was done, and is most minutely reported.

The D. D. G. M.'s seem to work hard—there are 40 districts!

A memorial page is given to President Garfield. No less than 231 brethren of this jurisdiction are recorded as "passed away." Truly the Scythe has been industrious—the hour-glass frequently run out!

We would call attention to the following:—

"And when any Subordinate Lodge shall fail for one year to make a return of its members and payment of its dues, and shall fail to present at the next succeeding Grand Lodge a satisfactory reason for its delinquency, it shall be suspended. Any Lodge suspended as above, may be reinstated at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, on the payment or remission of the amount of its dues. And if payment of the arrearages and proper returns be made to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary during the suspension of any Lodge, the said Lodge may be reinstated during the recess of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master."

A series of historical sketches of Subordinate Lodges are in course of publication, occupying about 25 pages in the volume of Proceedings. Mackey Lodge, No. 69, takes the space this year—it dates from 1851. Smithfield Union Lodge will record its history next year, through M. W. John Purdie and the R. W. Grand Secretary.

M. W. Reuben M. Page, Grand Master, Abingdon.

R. W. William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

Lodges, 213; Members, 10,154.

## WEST VIRGINIA—1881.

The 17th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in the City of Wheeling, November 8th, 1881. M. W. Charles J. Faulkner, Jr., Grand Master, presided, and read a very thoughtful and able address.

The report of the Secretary, Treasurer, and the D. D. Grand Masters show the Craft to be in good working condition.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. John H. Riley, Grand Master.

R. W. Grand Secrrtary, O. S. Long, re-elected.

No Lodges, 81; No. Members reported, 3,256.

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## WASHINGTON—1881.

The 24th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory commenced at Masonic Hall, Olympia, June 1st, 1881. M. W. Lewis Sohns, Grand Master, presided. He remarks in his address :—

"The year has been prosperous to our people, and in the main auspicious to our institution. The returns of Lodges, as a general thing, do not show any marked increase in membership, but indicate a hearty growth and prosperity."

There are 29 Chartered Lodges, with a membership of 1,099 contributing Masons.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. T. M. Reed, shows that a large amount of labor has devolved on that very efficient officer during the year, which seems to have been thoughtfully and and satistactorily attended to. There is nothing of special interest in the proceedings upon which to comment, and there is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

No. Lodges Chartered, 35; Represented at Grand Lodge, 28; No. membors raised during the year, 57; Total receipts during the year, $3,081.85.

M. W. Ralph Guichard, Grand Master.

R. W. Thos. M. Reid, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

## WISCONSIN—1881.

The 37th Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin met at Wilwaukie, June 14th, A. D. 1881.

Grand Master E. E. Chapin read an able address, referring in appropriate terms to several of the brethren who had died during the year, and touching briefly upon the various business matters connected with the Craft in his jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the jurisdiction to be in a good condition.

Grand Master Chapin and Grand Secretary Woodhull, were re-elected.

Lodges, 191 ; Members, 10,909 ; Raised 1880, 503 ; amount dues for 1880, $6,709.00.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is brief, but thorough and discriminating. Nova Scotia is commended. The Committee express very forcibly its regret at being compelled to pass by many matters which would be of interest and profit to lay before the members of Grand Lodge, but are forbidden by the restriction of time and space. Still our clever Brother Woodhull need not be discontented with his admirable resumé of proceedings.

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## CONCLUSION.

In presenting our Report, we cannot claim that we have done our best.

> "He that does his best,
> Does all he can—
> An angel can no more."

We, however, can only claim that we have done the best that the time which we could spare from our usual occupations would permit; and for our failings we must plead, not want of will, but "urgent private affairs."

D. C. MOORE, *Chairman.*
T. B. FLINT.
L. JOHNSTONE.

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| R.W. | WILLIAM ROSS | JUNIOR G. WARDEN | *Halifax.* |
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| R.W. | BENJAMIN CURREN, D.C.L. | GRAND SECRETARY | " |
| R.W. | L. F. DARLING | GRAND LECTURER | " |
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| R.W. | REV. J. D. H. BROWNE | | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | REV. F. PARTRIDGE, B.D. | | " |
| V.W. | WILLIAM CROWE | SENIOR G. DEACON | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | C. F. COCHRAN | JUNIOR G. DEACON | *Kentville.* |
| V.W. | JAMES MARTIN | G. SUPT. OF WORKS | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | THOMAS MOWBRAY | G. D. OF CEREMONIES. | " |
| V.W. | B. H. LANDIS | G. SWORD BEARER | " |
| V.W. | SAMUEL PORTER | GRAND ORGANIST | " |
| V.W. | J. W. HECKMAN | GRAND PURSUIVANT | " |
| V.W. | JAMES HALLIDAY | GRAND STEWARDS | *Dartmouth.* |
| V.W. | SAMUEL TROTT | | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | A. H. EWING | | *Aylesford.* |
| V.W. | C. F. VOSE | | *Halifax.* |
| V.W. | JOHN QUIGLAY | | " |
| V.W. | C. J. SPIKE | | " |
| V.W. | J. M. TAYLOR | GRAND TYLER | " |

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**APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.**

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| R.W. | JOHN W. RUHLAND | Dist. Dep. G. Master | | *Halifax.* |
| R.W. | THOMAS B. CROSBY | " | " | *Yarmouth.* |
| R.W. | THOMAS R. HARRIS | " | " | *Aylesford.* |
| R.W. | JOHN F. McDONALD, M.D. | " | " | *Hopewell.* |
| R.W. | ALEX. D. McGILLVARY, M.D. | " | " | *Sydney.* |

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

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THE Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 6th day of June, A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT:

M. W. J. WIMBURN LAURIE.....Grand Master.
R. W. D. C. FRASER.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. SAMUEL PORTER.....Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALEX. STEPHEN.....Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. T. R. HARRIS.....Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. A. D. MCGILLVARY.....Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES DEMPSTER.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....Grand Secretary.
R. W. W. V. MURRAY.....Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. R. AVERY.....Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. H. D. DEBLOIS..... " "
R. W. REV. J. D. H. BROWNE..... " "
V. W. B. H. LANDIS.....Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. C. F. COCHRAN.....Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. W. B. THOMAS.....Grand Organist.
V. W. J. W. HECKMAN.....Grand Pursuivant.

V. W. James Halliday ..... .....Grand Steward.
V. W. W. Pearce..... " "
V. W. C. E. Davison ..... " "
V. W. W. F. Tanner ..... " "
V. W. J. M. Taylor.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. William Taylor .....Past Grand Master.
R. W. J. R. Graham .. .....Past Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. C. J. Macdonald ..... ..... " " "
R. W. Rev. R. Avery ..... " " "
R. W. Lewis Johnstone ..... " " "
R. W. William A. Hesson.....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Benjamin Curren..... " " "
R. W. William Williams ..... " " "
R. W. George T. Smithers..... " " "
R. W. James Gossip ..... ..... " " "
R. W. T. R. Harris..... " " "
R. W. William Holloway.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. F. McDonald ..... " " "
R. W. L. F. Darling ..... " " "

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REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie, as Representative of the Grand Lodges of England and New York.

R. W. George Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

M. W. W. Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Grand Orient of Costa Rica.

R. W. G. T. Smithers, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Benjamin Curren, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. L. F. Darling, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. W. J. F. McDonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. J. Gossip, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. W. A. Hesson, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

R. W. Lewis Johnstone, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

W. James McLearn, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

W. Richard L. Black, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the Roll, when thirty-four Lodges were found represented.

The Representatives from a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in due form, and with prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by V. W. Bro. C. F. Cochran, it was

*Resolved*, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, seconded by W. Bro. J. W. Longley, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-two Lodges entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1883 (they having complied with the requirements of Sections 26 and 28 of Chapter 14 of the

Constitution), and the following Representatives and Past Masters in attendance :—

## REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1 .....W. Crowe, W. M.
R. Theakston, J. W.
St. John's, No. 2 .....S. Trott, W. M.
W. C. Nash, S. W.
F. A. Hamilton, J. W.
Virgin, No. 3.....W. Ross, W. M.
C. J. Spike, S. W.
E. J. Gorham, J. W.
Unity, No. 4 .....A. Etter, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Albion, No. 5 .....H. T. Sutherland, W. M.
A. Fraser, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....G. Taylor, W. M.
B. J. Pritchard, S. W.
St. Andrew's, No. 7.....A. D. MacGillvary, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Acacia, No. 8.....J. M. Townshend, W. M.
W. I. Moffat, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
Burns, No. 10.....J. Ellis, W. M.
G. S. Grant, S. W.
E. Mansfield, J. W.
New Caledonia, No. 11....W. F. Tanner, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Hiram, No. 12 .....T. B. Crosby, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Acadia, No. 14.....J. J. McKiel, W. M.
R. McFatridge, J. W.
Athole, No. 15.....B. H. Landis, W. M.
A. Mosher, S. W.
I. S. Sanford, J. W.
Keith, No. 17.....J. Quiglay, W. M.
J. A. Smith, S. W.
D. H. Burbidge, J. W.
Union, No. 18.....T. G. D. Scotland, W. M.
C. Dixon, J. W.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19....D. Lawlor, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 20.....S. R. Sleep, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
KEITH, No. 23.....A. H. MacKay, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
CONCORD, No. 24.....J. P. Trefry, W. M.
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, No. 33..A. S. Ruggles, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38..J. A. Adams, W. M.
G. H. Jost, S. W.
ROTHSAY, No. 41.....W. E. Starratt, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
TRURO, No. 43.....A. C. Mackenzie, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
TYRIAN YOUTH, No. 45 .....D. MacAulay, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
WIDOW'S SON, No. 48.....W. McKay, W. M.
R. L. Black, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
WESTERN STAR, No. 50....W. Connors, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
HARMONY, No. 52.....A. H. Ewing, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
KENTVILLE, No. 58.....J. E. Mulloney, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
SIRCOM, No. 66.....J. McPhail, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
CURREN, No. 68.....D. Fraser, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
LAURIE, No. 70.....A. J. Munro, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
IONIC, No. 73.....T. R. Ilsley, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
WIMBURN, No. 75.....A. S. McIntosh, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
WALLACE, No. 76.....J. L. McKim, P. M., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
HUDSON, No. 77 .....J. Greener, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

PAST MASTERS.

ST. ANDREW'S .....J. Dempster.
T. Trenaman.
Rev. J. D. H. Browne.
S. Porter.

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| St. John's | J. Martin. |
| | J. W. Laurie. |
| | C. F. Vose. |
| | W. Ingles. |
| | W. F. MacCoy. |
| | I. J. Wylde. |
| | J. G. Smith. |
| Virgin | W. A. Hesson. |
| | R. T. Roome. |
| | B. Curren. |
| | J. Gossip. |
| | T. Mowbray. |
| | C. E. Puttner. |
| | A. Stephen. |
| | A. E. Curren. |
| | Rev. F. Partridge. |
| Albion | D. C. Fraser. |
| Royal Sussex | J. M. Taylor. |
| | W. Holloway. |
| | J. McLearn. |
| Acacia, (8) | D. T. Chapman. |
| Burns | W. Taylor. |
| | J. Fortune. |
| | A. Waddell. |
| | S. Mosher. |
| | W. A. Mackenzie. |
| | J. H. Balcam. |
| Acadia, (14) | G. Fraser. |
| | J. W. Ruhland. |
| | T. C. Allen. |
| Athole | C. J. Macdonald. |
| | J. R. Graham. |
| | W. Williams. |
| Keith, (17) | D. F. Douglas. |
| | J. W. Heckman. |
| Union | W. B. Thomas. |
| | B. N. Davis. |
| Keith, (23) | L. Johnstone. |

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| Lodge of St. Mark | G. T. Smithers. |
| | L. F. Darling. |
| | W. V. Murray. |
| | J. W. Longley. |
| | C. E. Davison. |
| Rothsay | Rev. H. D. deBlois. |
| Eastern Star | W. Pearce. |
| | J. Halliday. |
| Harmony | Rev. R. Avery. |
| | T. R. Harris. |
| Kentville | C. F. Cochran. |
| Curren | J. F. Macdonald. |

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, and Worshipful Brethren:

I congratulate you that a kind Providence has permitted us to meet at this, our Eighteenth Annual Communication with almost unbroken ranks.

We recognize the over-ruling hand of the great architect of the universe by opening our proceedings in Grand Lodge with prayer; but I personally favor our giving more public evidence of our belief. It will be remembered that when the French Freemasons declared that belief in a Supreme Being was no longer a landmark of Freemasonry, we did not merely protest verbally, but emphasized it in a more practical manner; and, accompanied by nearly one thousand members of Subordinate Lodges, went in formal procession to a place of public worship, prior to the opening of the Communication of Grand Lodge. I could heartily wish that this acknowledgment of our thankfulness and our dependence might become our annual practice; but it demands a somewhat serious sacrifice of time, and it will be for the Brethren generally to consider whether their other engagements will admit of this, so that the demonstration may be an earnest of the sentiments of the members of the craft.

The Grand Secretary's report will give you the figures showing the numerical strength of our body, and the Grand Treasurer will state our financial position, which you will be glad to hear is now more satisfactory than it has been for years, owing in a very large measure to the exertions of the brethren, who boldly and liberally came forward, and undertook to dispose of our old property in Barrington Street. These brethren have worked enthusiastically and in a most unselfish manner to relieve Grand Lodge. Their efforts were crowned with success; and although they assert that their success has been in itself a sufficient reward, I cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that I consider the craft in this Jurisdiction owes a debt of gratitude to Bros. Hart, Woodill, and others.

I have not yet received any of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, so I am unable to remark upon their contents; but this will, I trust, be remedied in future by their being sent in earlier. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge, the issue of a new charter to New Caledonia was ordered; but at my official visit to the Lodge, a strong desire was expressed by the brethren to obtain, if possible, a duplicate of the original charter, issued by the Grand Lodge of England; and as I am strongly in favor of preserving all our old associations, and was then on the point of proceeding to England, I willingly undertook the task of making the application and doing what in me lay to meet their wishes. I was, however, informed by Colonel Clerke, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, that even in the case of Lodges still under the Jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, it was not their practice to issue the duplicate of a charter; but when, from any cause, a charter was destroyed, a warrant of continuance was issued; as, a copy of the original charter, without the actual signatures, would be of no effect; and to issue a new charter signed by the actual and present Grand Officers, would destroy the seniority of the Lodge. Hence it was considered more satisfactory to issue a document reciting the particulars of the original charter and its loss, and thus, without destroying its seniority, giving the Lodge authority to continue work. I thereupon wrote to the Grand Secretary stating I was unable to obtain the English charter, and that it would now be necessary to prepare and issue our charter as ordered by Grand Lodge. On an examination, however, of our form of charter, I find that its phraseology really only makes it appropriate for issue to a newly formed Lodge, and it will be necessary either to modify it materially before issue, or to adopt a new form to meet cases such as that of New Caledonia.

I regret having to announce that Eldorado Lodge No. 32, met with a similar loss in the destruction by fire of its Lodge Room, and all its property. As already reported, I issued a dispensation to continue work until this meeting of the Grand Lodge, and I would recommend that such document or permanent authority to continue work as may be decided on in the case of New Caledonia, be also furnished to Eldorado.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Constitution, on leaving for England last winter, I notified the Grand Secretary; but as the Deputy Grand Master had not been installed, and in any case was absent in Europe, a question arose as to who should discharge the Grand Master's duties. Section 2 of Chapter 3 does not directly meet this case; but Section 14 of Chapter 1 specifies the order in which the several officers should fill the chair in Grand Lodge, and, acting on this provision, I desired the Grand Secretary to communicate with the Senior Grand Warden. I believe, however, that no matter of serious import has arisen during my absence; but I would ask for a decision, and, if necessary, legislation in order that there may be no possibility of friction in the future.

In going through some records of the Grand Lodge of England when I was in London, I found that two Lodges in Cape Breton known on our register as St. Andrew's, No. 7, and Tyrian Youth, No. 45, appear as still under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. As it would have been a some-

what roundabout, although strictly regular process to write out here to our Grand Secretary to address a letter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, I thought it better to communicate directly with him, and he at once obtained instructions to strike them from the roll, explaining to me in a very courteous letter (which I will read) how the error had not been noticed or corrected.

While in England I had the pleasure of attending at the dedication of three new Lodges, the ceremony being very impressively performed by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who in each case was assisted by a trained choir; and the alternations of music added much to the effect. I had the gratification of attending twice at meetings of the Grand Lodge of England, once at the quarterly and afterwards at the Annual Communication. H. R. H. the M. W. Grand Master, was unfortunately in both cases absent from town; and as the Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Cærnarvon was unwell, the R. W. D. G. M., the Earl of Lathom, presided, and in his firmness and promptitude in the despatch of business proved himself a model Grand Master.

Oddly enough at the Annual Communication the M. W. the Grand Master of Scotland, the Earl of Mar and Kellie was present, and as the presiding officers of Old and New Scotland marched together in the procession, entering Grand Lodge, and afterwards stood up and acknowledged the grand honors with which our presence was recognized, one could not help feeling that, if masonry bound together people most dissimilar in character and origin, it fairly welded together in closest union those who have sprung from the same stock, and owe allegiance to the same Sovereign, under whose beneficent rule the political constitution is mainly based on the moral principles that we, as Masons, strive to make universal, and all-pervading. By invitation from H. R. H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, I accompanied him to Colchester to assist in the installation of Lord Brooke as Prov. Grand Master of Essex; and when H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, laid the foundation stone of the Indian Institute at Oxford, and was attended only by the actual Grand Officers, he sent me a special invitation to accompany him and expressed himself much interested in the progress of our Grand Lodge. But it was not only from the highest officers in Masonry that I received such a hearty welcome. From H. R. H. the Grand Master, to the youngest initiate, I found in all a desire to welcome the representative and presiding officer of one of the youngest and smallest of Grand Lodges, but still a Grand Lodge that appears to be well and favorably known as doing honest work within the Craft, and honorably carrying out its principles out of doors, whilst maintaining its dignity and living in thorough harmony with its sister Grand Lodges. I hope and believe that this reputation is deserved, and trust we may long retain such a good name amongst Freemasons.

### OFFICIAL ACTS.

In July last I issued a dispensation to Curren Lodge, to confer the Third Degree, within the constitutional period, on Bro. Kendrick.

And in the same month granted permission to Keith Lodge, No. 17, to elect a Junior Warden, in place of a deceased Brother, who had not been installed.

In pursuance of a reply to a long communication from the Grand Lodge of Barcelona, requesting information and entrance into fraternal relations, I have requested the Grand Secretary to furnish the former, and to state that we are at all times gratified to welcome properly accredited brethren; also, to visit their Lodges and hold fraternal intercourse with all who hold the true principles, and are governed by the recognised laws of Freemasonry.

R. W. Brother Crewe-Read, District Deputy Grand Master of No. 5 District, having been transferred to a staff appointment in New Brunswick, forwarded his resignation of his position as District Deputy, and I appointed W. Bro. Alexander D. McGillvary, M. D., as the D. D. Grand Master in No. 5 District.

On the request of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that this Grand Lodge should be represented near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have named R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, and would ask this Grand Lodge to sanction his being appointed as its Representative.

A complaint was forwarded to me from Scotia Lodge, Canning, that the action of the Lodge in regard to the suspension of one of its members had been interfered with by an order of the W. Master. I therefore called on the W. Master for further information. I am glad to learn that the suspension has since been reversed by vote of the Lodge, and that the complaint has been dropped.

Under instruction from Grand Lodge at its last meeting, and accompanied by an influential body of Grand Lodge Officers and Members, and in presence of over one hundred visiting brethren, I constituted, dedicated and consecrated Hudson Lodge, No. 77, at the Vale Colliery, on the 29th September last. The officers were duly installed in a most imposing and effective style by R. W. Bro. Curren, Grand Secretary.

The same evening, availing myself of the presence of so many visiting brethren, I officially visited Albion Lodge, No. 5, at New Glasgow, which I need hardly say I found prosperous and well conducted.

On the 25th October I visited Welsford Lodge at Windsor, which I found as usual, all that could be desired. An address of welcome and congratulation was read by that veteran soldier and Mason, and venerated and loved Brother R. W. Col. Poyntz.

During my former tenure of office I had never been able to visit the Yarmouth Lodges, so on the 17th November I visited both Hiram and Scotia Lodges, and was much gratified with the prosperous and thriving state in which I found them, as well as the earnestness and thorough heartiness thrown into Masonic duties by the members of our Jurisdiction in the far West. I need hardly say that I was personally received with cordiality, and all respect was shewn towards the high position I hold as the Presiding Officer of Grand Lodge.

An application from Truro Lodge to confer the three Degrees of Freemasonry between the 27th November and 15th December, was refused.

On the 8th December I visited New Caledonia, to which Lodge I had temporarily continued the dispensation issued by M. W. Bro. Taylor, when the

Charter was destroyed in the burning of the Pictou Freemasons' Hall. I was requested by this Lodge to endeavour, if possible, to obtain a copy of their original Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore, I had not issued the new Charter, as authorized by Grand Lodge at its last meeting. I refer elsewhere to this. New Caledonia preserves its high standard of efficiency. The W. Master proposed to raise a Brother in my presence, but at the last moment this Brother was prevented attending, and I therefore issued a dispensation to raise a fellow craft who was three days short of the constitutional period of one month. The Degree was given in an impressive manner by the W. Master Brother Tanner.

I regret to announce that the Freemasons' Hall used by El Dorado Lodge at Wine Harbor, was destroyed by fire, and all the Lodge property was totally lost. I issued a dispensation on the 15th December to continue work until the meeting of Grand Lodge, when the application for the new Charter can be considered.

I received, and after consideration approved, an application from King Solomon Lodge of P. E. Island, to permit New Caledonia Lodge to raise Bro. W. A. Beattie of the former Lodge, and instructed New Caledonia accordingly to act upon the responsibility and on behalf of King Solomon Lodge.

I issued permission to Minas Lodge to appear in procession and attend Divine Service on St. John's Day, 27th December.

On the 23rd December I sailed for England, and duly notified the Grand Secretary.

On the 4th June, finding that two members of the Audit Committee were absent, I appointed W. Bro. William Ross and W. Bro. Balcom, whose long official experience and high standing, along with R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, will be a guarantee that our position is thoroughly investigated and laid before you.

Fraternally yours,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE.

On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bro. L. Johnstone, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Avery, and R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser.

R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *6th June, 1883.*

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia:*

There are at present under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia sixty-seven working Lodges.

Ten, once on the roll of Grand Lodge, have ceased to exist, and their members are now, for the most part, in the ranks of non-affiliation.

Of the sixty-seven Lodges now working, sixty-two are entitled to representation at this Annual Communication.

Five Lodges have failed to comply with the constitutional enactment made expressly for the purpose of securing for Grand Lodge, at its Annual Meeting, correct and reliable information regarding the condition and strength of the Craft in the Jurisdiction.

There seems to be no good and sufficient reason for the failure on the part of these five Lodges to do what the regulation of Grand Lodge requires them to do. In fact they almost ignore the existence of the supreme governing body, and disappoint and embarrass where they ought to assist and encourage. Neglect this year is particularly unpardonable, because I issued to each Secretary a special appeal for information, winding up with the following: "Money or no money, send me your returns." From the information, however, that I have been so far enabled to secure, the condition of things is somewhat brighter than that of last year.

The initiations, passings, raisings and affiliations are all in advance of last year. The number dimitted and suspended for non-payment of dues is much smaller than that reported at the last Annual Communication; but better than

all else is the fact that there has not been for the last twelve months, even one instance of suspension for unmasonic conduct.

I have again to report the discharge of the usual routine work of the office during the year. I may here very properly call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Secretary's duties have been recently largely increased by the additional charge of all the revenues arising from the Freemasons' Hall property of this City: this necessitates the letting of the Hall, the collection of all rents and the keeping of the accounts. When to this is added the management of the money transactions with our Lodges, the constant issuing of diplomas, the preparation and issue of the published "Proceedings," the almost daily correspondence with Lodges at home and abroad, (not always in our own language,) those of our members who know nothing whatever of the duties of this office may form some estimate of the demands upon the Grand Secretary's time.

During the absence of both Grand and Deputy Grand Master from the Province, nothing of sufficient importance arose to embarrass the working of the Craft.

The Grand Master, on his departure for England in December last, in view of the absence, at the same time, of the Deputy G. Master, authorized the R. W. Senior Grand Warden to act in his stead; but the S. G. Warden found it necessary to be himself absent from the Jurisdiction for some time during the absence of both the Senior Officers of Grand Lodge, and recognizing that well established principle of law: *potestas delegata non potest delegari*, he of course could not clothe the R. W. Junior Grand Warden with authority not provided by our Constitution. The Jurisdiction was therefore left without any recognized and adequate authority to discharge the functions of the Grand Master's office. To provide for the possible recurrence of such a contingency, I have given the usual notice of motion now published in the Agenda paper, to amend Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Constitution, by clothing the Junior Past Grand Master present with the power of Grand Master This addition to the section as it now reads will commend itself, I presume, to the good judgment of Grand Lodge and become law.

### ALBERT AND ACACIA LODGES.

I regret to inform Grand Lodge that Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, and Acacia Lodge, No. 39, Bridgewater, have both failed to comply with the requirements of Section 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution—the former for four years; the latter for three.

### FREEMASONS' HALL.

At the Annual Communication of this Body in 1882, the following Section was added to Chapter 1 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge:

"SECTION 26.—The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all the Grand Lodge property in the City

of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication."

In accordance with the above, I have to report that, at the request of the Grand Master as Chairman, the Trustees were summoned to meet, and did meet on Monday, August 21st, last. The Chairman read the official notification, from the Grand Secretary, of the new regulation affecting the appointment of the Board of Trustees, and also the names of those elected as Trustees, for the ensuing year.

A letter from W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, declining to serve as a Trustee, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

On the 13th December, 1882, the old Hall on Barrington Street was sold to William H. Hart, Esq., of this city, for the sum of ten thousand dollars—the exact amount of the mortgage on that property held by S. M. Brookfield, Esq. Having first secured a release of mortgage (see release following this report,) I affixed my signature as Grand Secretary, with the Seal of Grand Lodge, to the Deed already signed by the Grand Master, thus terminating our connection with a property that had been in the possession of the Craft for nearly one hundred years.

By the transfer of this property to other hands, Grand Lodge has been relieved of an embarrassing responsibility. The old Hall was entirely unproductive; whilst the interest on the mortgage of ten thousand dollars at six per cent., together with the city taxes, amounting to about seven hundred dollars, had to be annually paid from the funds of Grand Lodge; this liability is therefore removed, and consequently much relief must be experienced by its removal.

There is still, however, a mortgage of twenty-two thousand dollars covering the new Hall—the building in which we meet; and in order to meet the interest on this sum, the taxes levied upon the property by the city, and the running expenses of the building, the different bodies occupying the Hall have been taxed beyond their strength; and while a few of our thirteen tenants have been able to meet both rent and Grand Lodge dues in full to May, 1883, the larger number, by paying their rent bills, have been unable to meet the demand upon them by Grand Lodge for the customary dues.

### PERMISSION TO MEET IN THE BLUE ROOM.

I have written officially, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to Burns and Royal Sussex Lodges, asking their permission to meet in the Blue Room. In reply I have received answers from these Lodges, who kindly place the room at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the evening Sessions of to-day and to-morrow.

RETURNS.

The returns received from the Subordinate Lodges for the year now ended, give the following results:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number initiated | 217 |
| " passed | 194 |
| " raised | 191 |
| " affiliated | 39 |
| " reinstated | 22 |
| " dimitted | 110 |
| " died | 26 |
| " missing | 41 |
| " suspended for unmasonic conduct | 0 |
| " " for non-payment of dues | 59 |
| " rejected | 29 |
| " of subscribing members | 2780 |

I have received during the year, and have paid over to the Grand Treasurer the following sums: $2104.50 for dues, fees, &c., &c., and $2296.50 for rent collected from Freemasons' Hall; in all $4401.00, as will appear from his receipts.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
*Grand Secretary.*

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BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in acct. with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the Year ending May* 20, 1883.

| No. | Received from. | | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | St. John's, | to May 20, | 1882 | $32 25 | $ 2 00 | $ 1 50 |
| 3. | Virgin, | " | 1883 | 60 00 | 17 00 | 1 50 |
| 4. | Unity, | " | " | 31 50 | .... | 1 50 |
| 5. | Albion, | " | " | 77 25 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 6. | Royal Sussex, | " | " | 32 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 6. | Royal Sussex, for a member omitted in last year's Returns | | | 75 | .... | .... |
| 7. | St. Andrew's, | to May 20, | 1883 | 46 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 8. | Acacia, | " | " | .... | 14 00 | .... |
| 9. | Zetland, | " | " | .... | 2 00 | .... |
| 10. | Burns, | " | " | 81 75 | 24 00 | 1 50 |
| 10. | Burns, dues for a brother reported missing two years | | | 1 50 | .... | .... |
| 11. | New Caledonia, | to May 20, | 1883 | 90 75 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 12. | Hiram, | " | " | 39 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 13. | Acadia, | " | " | 15 75 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 16. | Keith, | " | " | 39 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 17. | Keith, | " | 1882 | 28 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 19. | Royal Albert, | " | 1883 | 42 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |

| No. | Received from. | | | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20. | St. George's, | to May 20, | 1883 | $19 50 | $ 6 00 | $ 1 50 |
| 23. | Keith, | " | " | 45 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 24. | Concord, | " | " | 16 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 26. | Welsford, | " | " | 54 75 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 28. | Scotia, | " | " | 24 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 29. | Prince of Wales, | " | " | 41 25 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 31. | Scotia, | " | " | .... | 2 00 | .... |
| 33. | Annapolis Royal, | " | " | 34 50 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 34. | Queen's, | " | 1882 | 57 75 | 11 00 | 1 50 |
| 35. | St. Mark's, | " | 1883 | 30 75 | 6 00 | .... |
| 36. | Thistle, | " | " | 24 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 41. | Rothsay, | " | " | 24 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 42. | Eureka, | " | " | 50 25 | 13 00 | 1 50 |
| 43. | Truro, | " | " | 41 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 45. | Tyrian Youth, | " | " | 22 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 48. | Widow's Son, | " | " | 15 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 50. | Western Star, | " | " | 64 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 50. | Western Star, dues for a brother during suspension (restored) | | | 75 | .... | .... |
| 51. | Eastern Star, to May 20th, | | 1883 | 36 75 | 24 00 | 1 50 |
| 52. | Harmony, | " | " | 45 00 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 53. | Hiram, balance due on Diplomas, 1879 | | | .... | 8 00 | .... |
| 53. | Hiram, | to May, | 1882 | 9 75 | .... | .... |
| 53. | Hiram, | " | 1883 | 9 75 | .... | .... |
| 55. | Morien, | " | 1882 | 18 75 | .... | 1 50 |
| 56. | Harmony, | " | 1883 | 15 75 | .. | 1 50 |
| 57. | Temple, | " | " | 11 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 58. | Kentville, | " | " | 30 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 61. | Clarke, | " | 1882 | 23 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 63. | Corinthian, | " | 1883 | 32 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 64. | Richmond, | " | " | 17 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 66. | Sircom, on acct. for | | 1882 | 13 25 | .... | .... |
| 67. | Minas, | to May, | 1883 | 24 00 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 68. | Curren, | " | " | 21 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 69. | Charity, | " | " | 23 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 70. | Laurie, | " | " | 18 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 71. | Granville, | " | " | 18 00 | .... | 1 50 |
| 72. | Eastern Light, | " | 1882 | 25 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 72. | Eastern Light, | " | 1883 | .... | 4 00 | .... |
| 73. | Ionic, | " | " | 24 00 | .... | 1 50 |
| 75. | Wimburn, on acct. to May, | | 1882 | 2 75 | .... | .... |
| 75. | Wimburn, | to May, | 1883 | 18 75 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 76. | Wallace, | " | " | 21 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 77. | Hudson, | " | " | 12 00 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| | Total for Dues, Diplomas and Proceedings | | | $1661 50 | $328 00 | $70 50 |

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|---|---|
| Received for Charter: | |
| From Hudson Lodge | $30 00 |
| Received for Dispensations: | |
| From Harmony Lodge, Third Degree | 5 00 |
| " Curren " " " | 5 00 |
| Received for the Benevolent Fund: | |
| From Laurie Lodge | 1 50 |
| Received for renewal of Diplomas: | |
| From Minas Lodge, for Bro Hatfield | 1 00 |
| " Scotia " " " Crosby | 1 00 |
| " Union " | 1 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|
| Received for Dues | $1661 50 |
| " Diplomas and Enrolment | 328 00 |
| " Proceedings | 70 50 |
| " Charter | 30 00 |
| " Dispensations | 10 00 |
| " Benevolent Fund | 1 50 |
| " Renewal of Diplomas | 3 00 |
| | $2104 50 |

## FREEMASONS' HALL ACCOUNT.

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|---|---|
| Received for rent from: | |
| St. Andrew's Lodge, in full to May 1, 1883 | $153 00 |
| St. John's " " " " | 221 50 |
| Virgin " " " " 1 year | 127 00 |
| Burns " " " " 1 year | 131 00 |
| Athole " " " " | 190 50 |
| Keith " " " " | 193 50 |
| Lodge of St. Mark, " " " | 193 50 |
| Royal Standard Lodge, " " " 1 year | 135 00 |
| Royal Union Chapter, " " " 1 year | 125 00 |
| St. Andrew's " " " " 1½ year | 187 50 |
| Preceptory of Knights Templar, in full to May 1st | 50 00 |
| Royal Sussex Lodge, on acct | 100 00 |
| Acadia " " | 126 00 |
| Union " " | 128 00 |
| Rent of Public Hall | 235 00 |
| Total amount from Freemasons' Hall for the year | $2296 50 |
| Amount received for Dues, &c., from the Jurisdiction | 2104 50 |
| Total amount received and paid Grand Treasurer for the year, as per receipts herewith submitted | $4401 00 |

## RELEASE OF MORTGAGE.

SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD, *to Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME:

I, SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD, of the City and County of Halifax, Builder,

SEND GREETING:

*Whereas*, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, by a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fourth day of April, A. D. 1881, for and in consideration of the sum of ten thousand dollars of lawful money of Canada, did mortgage unto the said Samuel M. Brookfield those certain lots of land situate in Granville, Salter and Barrrington Streets, in the City of Halifax, and known as the "New Masonic Hall property" and the "Old Masonic Hall property," respectively, and bounded and described in said mortgage, which was duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds, in the County of Halifax, on the sixth day of May, A. D. 1881, in Libro, No. 233, Folios 272, 273 and 274, as on reference thereto being had will more fully appear.

*And whereas*, the said Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia have paid and satisfied unto the said Samuel M. Brookfield the said full sum of ten thousand dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum, being the full amount of principal and interest due on said mortgage, and have requested a release thereof.

Now know ye that I, the said Samuel M. Brookfield, in consideration of the said sum of ten thousand dollars and interest so paid to me as aforesaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do remise, release and re-convey the said two lots of land and premises in the said indenture described, unto the said Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, their successors and assigns, to have and to hold the same unto the said Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, their successors and assigns, to their own proper use and behoof, forever freed and discharged from the said Indenture of Mortgage and all claim and demand arising therefrom or by virtue thereof.

In witness whereof, I, the said Samuel M. Brookfield, have hereunto my hand and seal subscribed and affixed, this twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-two.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of JAMES MARTIN. } SAMUEL M. BBOOKFIELD.

I CERTIFY that James Martin, the subscribing witness to the foregoing Indenture, this day came and made oath before me that the same was signed in his presence by the therein named Samuel M. Brookfield.

J. WILBERFORCE LONGLEY,
*A Barrister and Notary Public.*

*Halifax, Dec. 13th,* 1882.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing instrument, having been proved by certified oath of James Martin, the subscribing witness, was thereon registered in the Registry of Deeds, at Halifax, N. S., at ten o'clock, A. M., of the fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1882, in Book No. 230, pages 540, 541.

JOHN C. DAVIS,
*Deputy Registrar.*

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## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA *in acct. with* JAMES DEMPSTER, *Grand Treasurer.*

| 1882. | | DR. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 10. | To cash paid | Guardian Ins. Co. on $10,000 (New Hall) .... | $ 25 00 |
| July 3. | " " | Gas Co., 31500 cubic feet of gas at $2.50, to May 6th, 1882 ..... | 78 75 |
| 18. | " " | Brockley & Co., for hire of piano ..... | 5 00 |
| Aug. 2. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, salary from May 1st to July 31st—13 weeks at $3 per week ..... | 39 00 |
| " | " " | J. Martin for services in Public Hall ..... | 16 50 |
| 21. | " " | Repairing Grand Master's Jewel ..... | 2 73 |
| 24. | " " | G. J. Harris, for stove pipe and repairs in janitor's apartments ..... | 17 35 |
| 28. | " " | George Rent, for sundries furnished in 1881 .. | 14 36 |
| " | " " | J. Martin, janitor, washing chairs in Public Hall | 2 50 |
| " | " " | Gas Co., to Aug. 4, 1882, 25100 cub. ft. at $2.50. | 62 75 |
| 29. | " " | Commercial Union Ins. Co., on $5000..... | 25 00 |
| Sep. 12. | " " | Commercial Union Ins. Co., premium and policy on old Hall, 3 months ..... | 25 00 |
| " | " " | Coupons to Dec. 1st, 1881 ..... | 9 60 |
| 28. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, services in Public Hall .... | 5 00 |
| Nov. 1. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, salary from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, 13 weeks, at $3. per week ..... | 39 00 |
| 29. | " " | Coupons $8, do. $20..... | 28 00 |
| " | " " | Gas Co., to Nov. 4, 15200 feet, at $2.50 ..... | 38 00 |
| " | " " | Queen Insurance Co. on $15,000 on New Hall... | 75 00 |
| Dec. 20. | " " | Mrs. Donaldson, interest, ½ year to Dec. 1st, 1882 ..... | 660 00 |
| 26. | " " | Wm. and Mrs. D. Murray, for medical and other expenses, caused by accident at the old Hall.. | 25 50 |
| 30. | " " | Coupons—$40, $12, $43.20, $48.00, to Dec. 1, '82. | 143 20 |
| 1883. | | | |
| Feb. 21. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, salary from Oct. 31 to Jan. 31,—13 weeks, at $3 per week ..... | 39 00 |

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| Feb. 21. | To cash paid | | J. Martin, janitor, services in Public Hall..... | $ 7 50 |
| Apl. 19. | " | " | Coupons $20, do. $8 ..... | 28 00 |
| 21. | " | " | Advances of December 18th, 1882 ..... .... | 600 00 |
| May 1. | " | " | Coupons, 80 cents ..... ..... | 80 |
| " | " | " | J. Martin, janitor, salary, from Jan. 31 to April 30,—13 weeks, at $3..... | 39 00 |
| " | " | " | J. Martin, janitor, services in Public Hall..... | 7 50 |
| 10. | " | " | Coupons ..... ..... | 8 00 |
| 12. | " | " | W. McNab, Printing ..... ..... | 14 00 |
| " | " | " | Nova Scotia Printing Co., 600 G. L. Reports... | 162 50 |
| " | " | " | Gas Co., to May 7, 25600 feet at $2.50..... | 115 25 |
| " | " | " | F. C. Stevens, coal to May 3, 1883 ..... | 203 28 |
| 28. | " | " | Coupons—$4, $92, $104, $84, $8..... | 292 00 |
| June 1. | " | " | Grand Secretary, on acct. .... ..... | 500 00 |
| " | " | " | Dr. Trenaman, professional services, attending Mr. and Mrs. Murray ..... | 10 00 |
| 4. | " | " | S. M. Brookfield, ½-year's interest on mortgage of $10,000, in full to December, 1882 ..... | 300 00 |
| " | " | " | Mrs. Donaldson, interest, ½-year to June 1, 1883. | 660 00 |
| " | " | " | Postage stamps, cards, etc..... | 30 00 |
| " | " | " | "Herald," printing Annual Com., June, 1883.. | 3 50 |
| " | " | " | "Morning Chronicle," printing Annual Com., 1883 ..... | 3 50 |
| " | " | " | "Recorder," printing Annual Com., 1883..... | 2 50 |
| " | " | " | A. & W. Mackinlay, stationery ..... | 12 98 |
| " | " | " | Nova Scotia Printing Co..... | 32 50 |
| " | " | " | J. M. Taylor, tyling ..... .. | 30 00 |
| " | " | " | J. M. Taylor, expenses attending Hudson Lodge | 6 00 |
| | To cash to balance..... ..... | | | 724 34 |
| | | | | $5169 39 |

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| June 7. | By balance ..... | | | $182 65 |
| Aug. 28. | " Cash from Grand Secretary ..... | | | 122 10 |
| Sep. 21. | " | " | " ..... | 63 50 |
| " | " | " | " ..... | 237 25 |
| Nov. 29. | " | " | " ..... | 197 50 |
| Dec. 18. | " Cash advanced ..... | | | 585 74 |
| 30. | " " from Grand Secretary ..... | | | 164 50 |
| 1883. | | | | |
| Feb. 21. | " Cash from Grand Secretary ..... | | | 323 50 |
| Apl. 19. | " | " | " ..... | 324 00 |
| May 8. | " | " | " ..... | 153 75 |
| 12. | " | " | " ..... | 248 50 |
| 22. | " | " | " ..... | 234 75 |

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| May 22. | By cash from Grand Secretary | | $800 75 |
| June 2. | " " " | | 325 25 |
| 4. | " " " | | 840 00 |
| " | " " " | | 365 75 |
| | | | $5169 39 |
| Paid out from June 12, 1882, to June 4, 1883 | | | 4445 05 |
| Balance on hand | | | $ 724 34 |

JAMES DEMPSTER,
*Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEP. GRAND MASTERS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following report of my labors as District Deputy for No. 1 District.

Being a comparatively young member of Grand Lodge, I can assure you I felt deeply impressed with the responsibility connected with the position, and have performed the duties of the office to the best of my ability, faithfully and impartially.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District, in the following order:

| | |
|---|---|
| Royal Sussex | Feb. 1st. |
| St. John's | " 5th. |
| St. Andrew's | " 6th. |
| Burns | " 7th. |
| Keith | " 8th. |
| Lodge of St. Mark | " 9th. |
| Acadia | " 12th. |
| Eastern Star | " 13th. |
| Union | " 19th. |
| Virgin | " 26th. |
| Athole | " 28th. |
| Eureka | May 31st. |

In all my visitations I was cordially received and warmly welcomed as your representative.

Thanks to my predecessors in office, my visitations have proved to me more a mere matter of form than otherwise; as, upon a careful examination of the Books and Records of the Lodges I found, with but a few trifling exceptions, their affairs to have been conducted in a most satisfactory manner, and their finances in a good condition.

You will be pleased to learn that Eastern Star Lodge, Dartmouth, is now one of the most flourishing and best conducted Lodges in the District. On my visit to this Lodge I was honored by the company of a large deputation from the Lodge of St. Mark, and the Virgins, also R. W. Bros. Cossmann and Harris who accompanied me on several of my visitations, and whom I take this opportunity of thanking for their kind aid.

My visit to Eureka Lodge, Sheet Harbor, turned out to be of a much more unpleasant nature than I was at first led to expect. I hoped to have been accompanied on my long drive by at least two or three of the brethren; but just previous to my starting, the number dwindled down to one, and, at the very last moment, even that one declined going; so there was nothing left for me but to go it alone. After a hard drive of a day and a half, over probably the worst roads in the world (for I really don't think there could be much worse) I reached Sheet Harbor. Having arrived there, I expected no more trouble, but a pleasant visit. As it was then raining hard, and the meeting being called for that night, the prospects were not favorable, more particularly as I found that the Lodge Room was over a mile and a half from the hotel, in a very out-of-the-way back road, and that I was left to get there the best way I could. Having gone so far for the purpose of visiting this Lodge, I thought it a pity to return home without accomplishing it, although I felt very much tempted to do so, as it was raining hard, and the Lodge being situated as I have stated, and there being no way provided to take me there, I felt that I hardly would be doing right in sinking the dignity of the position I held as your representative, in honoring the Lodge with a visit under the circumstances. However, as I was so near them, I thought I should see them. Therefore, after a good deal of trouble, I succeeded in getting a conveyance, and got to the Lodge all right. I found a large number present for such a very disagreeable night, and found, upon a very careful examination of their Books and Records, that they were neatly and correctly kept, and the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, both financially and otherwise.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and I thank the brethren throughout the District for the very great kindness shown me at all times.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. STEPHEN, Jr.,

*D. D. G. M. District No. 1.*

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following *short* report on *long* District No. 2:

On officially learning that I was again appointed to represent this District, I prepared to extend my visitations to Lodges in the Counties of Queen's and Lunenburg, as I had, during the preceding year, visited Lodges in the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne. This arrangement (from reasons given in my last report, viz.: that most of the Lodges only meet in the winter and early spring seasons) could not at once be carried out, and, Most Worshipful Sir, I have to state, with much regret, that it has not yet been effected, nor have I been able to visit any Lodges outside of Yarmouth County the past year. I feel, however, that you will consider my reasons to be satisfactory, on learning that sickness, together with all the consequent disarrangement of plans, has been the sole cause of my not being able to report having visited those Lodges.

I had the honor of officially visiting Scotia Lodge, No. 31, on the night of their regular meeting in April, and, at the request of the Master, I installed the officers elect. I also visited officially Hiram Lodge, No. 12, where I had the pleasure of performing the same duty, at the request of the Master and brethren. In reference to the work and standing of these two Lodges, I am happy to be able to reiterate what I said in my last report, that their constant effort is to excel; and, I feel confident, that so long as they exercise the same care to keep up the standard of their work in Masonry, both Lodges, working together in harmony, will prosper. I may state, Most Worshipful Sir, that your official visit to the Lodges of Yarmouth gave them great pleasure, and has been productive of much good, in advancing the interests of both Lodges.

Several of the old members of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, of Barrington, (whose charter and effects are now in the possession of Grand Lodge) wishing, if possible, to revive their charter, communicated with me on the subject. I wrote the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, referring the matter to his decision. His absence from the Province has postponed its consideration till the present, and, as doubtless a petition will be presented to Grand Lodge, supported by brethren interested in the matter, I trust your Honorable Body will deal with it, so that the interests of Masonry will be advanced in this District. The need of a Lodge on the main land is evident, there now being no Lodge between Yarmouth and Shelburne, excepting Concord, No. 24, on Cape Island.

Although Grand Lodge in its wisdom has not as yet made any change in the Masonic Divisions of Nova Scotia, I cannot but again in this, my last report, call its attention to the fact that at least District No. 2, embracing as it does such a large part of Nova Scotia, from Westport on the west to Halifax County on the east, cannot have justice done it under the present system; and I trust your Committee may be able to recommend to Grand Lodge some plan, either by making a new District, or, by reducing the present size of this District by adding Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, or one of them, to District

No. 1 ; or some other way, whereby the interests of Masonry will be better promoted. Should this not be possible, I must say that, although I deeply appreciate the honor of having the D. D. of District No. 2 appointed from Yarmouth, yet, I cannot but think that, in justice to the other parts of this large District, the District Deputy should be appointed for the coming year from another County in the District.

Knowing, Most Worshipful Sir, that your wisdom will guide you aright in these matters, and that you will pardon these suggestions, and ever believe that the welfare of Masonry has my deep interest, and trusting that the deliberations of Grand Lodge will be productive of much good to the Craft under its Jurisdiction, this report is

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH R. WYMAN,

*D. D. G. M. District No 2.*

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## THIRD DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie. M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official labors in District No. 3 :

I have had the pleasure of visiting or examining the Records of all the Lodges in this District.

My first official duties commenced on December the 15th, 1882, when I granted a Dispensation to Annapolis Royal Lodge to wear regalia and walk in procession to church on St. John's Day.

December 19th, I granted a like Dispensation to Welsford Lodge, No. 26.

December 26th, I granted a Dispensation to Harmony Lodge, No. 52, to wear regalia at a Masonic dinner on St. John's Day.

January 1st, 1883, I visited Keith Lodge, No. 16, Hillsburg. The attendance was good. I had the pleasure of witnessing the Second and Third Degrees conferred in a very satisfactory manner. The officers take very great interest in the work, and are well up in their duty. The finances are in a fair condition. I regret to notice in this, as well as in many of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, a large amount of dues uncollected. I called attention to this important fact, and strongly urged promptness in the future. I have every confidence in the future prosperity of this Lodge.

On the 2nd of January I visited King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, accompanied by R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, Past Grand Warden, who kindly drove me over from Hillsburg, and whose zeal for Masonry is well known by many of the members of this Grand Lodge. I regret to report that King Solomon Lodge is not in as flourishing a condition as we would wish. The W. Master and Senior Warden were absent. The attendance was small. The Lodge was opened by the Junior Warden. On examining the Books I found

the minutes were not signed by the W. Master from October 5th, 1880, to March 1st, 1881, and no record of any communication in February or March, 1881 and May, 1882. I called attention to these irregularities, and hope they will not appear in future. I also regret to notice recorded no meetings in May, June, July or August, 1882. I trust the brethren of this Lodge will become more alive to their duty, and take a deeper interest in their Lodge.

January 3rd, I proceeded to Annapolis and met the W. Master of Granville Lodge, No. 71. As many of the members were absent, the W. Master deemed it advisable not to call the Lodge together on an emergency, to which I consented. He kindly furnished me with the Books for examination, which I found correct.

On the same evening I visited Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33. Here I was joined by R. W. Bro Avery, P. D G Master and G. Chaplain, who, at great inconvenience to himself, met me, and who is ever ready and willing to devote his time and lend his aid to advance the interests of Masonry. This Lodge, I firmly believe, is second to none in the Province. Their well furnished and beautiful room reflects great credit on the members of the Craft in this ancient town. The books are well kept and are a model of neatness. The finances are good. Here I had the pleasure of seeing the Third Degree conferred in a most efficient manner. The prosperity of Annapolis Royal Lodge is due, in a great measure, to the indefatigable labors of Bro. Past Dist. Deputy Grand Master Robinson, W. M., assisted by his active staff of officers. I shall ever remember the kindness shewn me on this my first visitation.

Jan. 4th, I left by train for Bridgetown, in company with R. W. Bro. Avery, for the purpose of visiting Rothsay, No. 41. The night being stormy, and the roads being so badly drifted, the Secretary, who lives some five miles distant, was unable to attend, although he made the attempt and had to return;—consequently no Lodge. We visited their room, however, and met some two or three of the most zealous Masons, including the W. Master. I was pleased to notice that the room had been very neatly and newly furnished during the past year, and to learn that they are financially sound. Subsequently the Secretary kindly volunteered to meet me with the Books at my visitation of Ionic Lodge, Lawrencetown, where I examined the Records and found them correct and very neatly kept.

On the evening of February the 1st I visited Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, Hantsport, at their regular Communication. I examined the Books and found the Records correct, with the exception that the Secretary had not recorded the officers or members present or absent. I called attention to this omission, and advised that this matter should be attended to in the future, in which they cheerfully coincided. This lodge seems to be in a prosperous condition. The membership is not large, but the material is good. I had the extreme pleasure of meeting P. D. D. G. Masters Dakin, Black and Blanchard, who kindly drove over from Windsor, accompanied by several of the brethren from Welsford Lodge, and who assisted me in my official duties, to whom I return my sincere thanks. I saw the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred very satisfactorily, and have much pleasure in reporting the prosperity of Poyntz Lodge.

February 2nd, I visited Kentville Lodge, No. 58, Kentville, at an emergent Communication. The W. Master being absent, the Senior Warden, who takes a deep interest in Masonry, came from Halifax, where he principally resides, and officiated in a very creditable manner. I was also delighted to meet our Worthy Brother P. D. D. Grand Master Shaw, who kindly assisted me in my official capacity. This Lodge, although not large in numbers, has some very zealous brothers, and, being now relieved from a heavy charity fund, is financially in a satisfactory condition. They are particularly fortunate in their selection of Secretary. The Books are very nicely kept and without error. It is to be regretted that some of the older members of this Lodge seem to have lost interest in the Craft, and are seldom seen within the walls of the Lodge Room. I was very glad, however, to learn that my visit had brought out some of the brethren who had not attended very regularly, which, I trust, may have the happy result of continuing their interest.

At their regular Communication in February I officially visited Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Aylesford. This being my Mother Lodge, I shall say but little, although I was received very kindly, and with a good attendance. The brethren of this Lodge still endeavour to keep up the reputation and good standing, as reported by my predecessors. The Records are fairly and correctly kept.

March 14, I visited Welsford Lodge, No. 26, Windsor, accompanied by R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, Stephen, of District No. 1, where we were accorded a very flattering reception, and met by a large number of the brethren, including six Past Masters. The Books are well and correctly kept. The Third Degree was conferred in an excellent manner, and it is a sufficient guarantee of the character of the work of Welsford Lodge, to state that R. W. Bro. Poyntz and P. D. D. Grand Masters Dakin, Black and Blanchard, with several other well posted Masons, are active and efficient members. I regret that we were deprived, through illness, of the presence of Bro. Poyntz, whose zeal for the cause of Masonry is well known throughout the Jurisdiction and by all the members of Grand Lodge, and I trust we may have the benefit of his wisdom and counsel for many years to come.

On the evening of May 2nd I visited Scotia Lodge, No. 28, Canning, in company with V. W. Bro. Jefferson, Grand Director of Ceremonies. The attendance was very small. It was quite surprising to me, in a village like Canning, surrounded by a thickly settled and healthy community, and, I may say, the garden of Nova Scotia, to find so small a membership, and almost a vacant Lodge Room. However, there are a few who take a deep interest in Masonry, although living some seven to ten miles distant. I noticed by the minutes that these were most always in their places, while some, I regret to say, residing within sight of the Lodge Room, were very seldom present. This certainly reflects great credit on the faithful few. I was pleased to notice that the Records are well kept; the finances are equal to the requirements; the quarterly dues are well paid up. I trust that Scotia Lodge will become more alive to her interests, and prosper in the future.

Ionic Lodge, No. 73, Lawrencetown, was visited by me May 7th, at a Regular Communication. W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, kindly met me and gave his

assistance. The numbers were small. The W. Master being absent through illness, the Junior Warden took the Chair. On examining the Books, which were neatly kept, I found that the Auditing Committee's Report did not appear on the minutes although a resolution had been adopted in connection therewith. I called attention to this fact, and was assured that in future it would be attended to. I strongly advised the prompt collection of dues, as there is a large amount in arrears.

May 11th, I visited officially St. George's Lodge, No. 20, Wolfville, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who is ever cheerful to assist in the good cause. We were very kindly received. The evening being stormy, the attendance was not so large as we would have wished. The officers and brothers are well up in their work, and seem to take great interest in the Lodge. The Third Degree was conferred in a perfect manner,—each officer knew his place as well as his duty. The Books are a model of neatness, and reflect great credit on the Secretary. I shall remember with pleasure my visit to St George's Lodge.

My predecessor having been unable, through severe illness, to visit the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction last year, with the exception of St. George's, I found it quite an arduous task to one inexperienced, having to do, I may say, two years' work. However, I have endeavored to do my duty to the best of my ability.

I have to thank the brethren throughout the Jurisdiction for the kindness and courtesy shown me in all my visitations.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I beg to thank you for appointing me to the honorable position, and trust I have discharged the duties to your satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted.

T. R. HARRIS,

*D. D. G. M. District No. 3.*

*Aylesford, June 1st,* 1883.

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## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

It is with very great regret that I am compelled to report how inefficiently the duties entrusted to me have been attended to during the past year. This neglect was due, not to any want of warmth in the interests of the Craft, but to many unavoidable causes. I was not aware until late in the summer of last year of my appointment, and, after receiving notice, my engagements have been of such a character that it became almost impossible for me to visit any of the Lodges in my District, outside of Cumberland County. For this apparent dereliction of duty, I must crave the indulgence of yourself and the brethren. In the case of several of the Lodges in Pictou County it has been no loss, as

they have rejoiced in the presence of yourself, as Grand Master, and many of the Grand Lodge officers. A visit from myself therefore became unnecessary, and I have only to report everything in that portion of my district in a fairly prosperous condition, and further, to note the constitution of Hudson Lodge at the Vale Colliery.

In September last I visited Acadia Lodge. No. 13, Pugwash. Although the strength of this Lodge was considerably reduced by the formation of Wallace Lodge, only ten miles distant, I found the brethren active and warm in the cause, and desirous of acquiring all information on matters relative to the Craft. I recognized a marked improvement in the Secretary's Books, and have to report the Lodge finances in a healthy condition. With the railway rapidly approaching completion, I anticipate a period of great prosperity for this Lodge.

On the following evening I paid my official visit to Wallace Lodge, No. 76. It is with great satisfaction I have to report on the state of this Lodge. I find their number increasing, their finances sound, and the general tone and spirit of the brethren excellent. The Lodge Room, which is large, has been neatly and tastefully fitted up; and the improvements made and to be made, were such as to deserve my hearty commendation. An objectionable feature in their present arrangements I pointed out to them—the fact that the Orange Society hold their meetings in the same room. I advised them, if possible, to avoid this in future.

In the month of November last I visited officially Acacia Lodge, No. 8, Amherst. I had an opportunity of witnessing some work on this occasion. Although some changes of an unimportant character had been made in the Ritual hitherto used in this Lodge, I must express my satisfaction at the very creditable manner in which the W. M. and his officers discharged their duties and conferred the degrees. This Lodge is in a very prosperous state; their numbers are being daily added to, and the additions, so far as I am able to judge, are men of the right stamp. The handsome furniture, and general appearance of the Lodge Room have been referred to in previous reports. I need only add that their finances are in a sound condition, and the Lodge itself is making steady progress.

In December I made an official visit to Minas Lodge, No. 67, Parrsboro'. Owing to some misapprehension, a very small number of the brethren were present, and matters were not as satisfactory as otherwise they might have been. I found several serious irregularities in the Secretary's Books, which I pointed out, and confidently look for some improvement in the future. The Lodge is not in debt, is fairly strong in numbers, and might with advantage improve, and add to their furniture.

I granted permission to Albion Lodge, New Glasgow, to wear their Regalia at a Masonic Ball; to Acacia Lodge to wear their Regalia in procession to attend Divine Service on St. John's Day, and also at a Masonic Ball.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,

*D. D. G. M. District No.* 4.

## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor of submitting the following report of official work performed in District No. 5:

Late in the autumn of 1882 I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for No. 5, in place of Colonel Crew-Read, who had removed to St. John, N. B. The season was so far advanced, I could not visit the Lodges outside of the County of Cape Breton before the navigation closed, consequently the work had to be left undone, save that I visited, on the 24th of November, Richmond Lodge, No. 64, Arichat. I found the Secretary's Books carefully kept, and the financial condition of the Lodge to be good. This Lodge is doing very good work, and the members are deserving of the highest commendation for their zeal and steadfastness. I would avail myself of this opportunity to thank them for their thoughtful kindness to me during my visit.

I granted leave to the members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, to wear Masonic clothing at a sociable held in their Lodge Room on the night of St. John's Day. I also granted leave to the members of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35, to wear Masonic clothing during a sleigh drive on New Year's Day.

On the 20th of January I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7. This being my Mother Lodge, I may be allowed to pass it without making many comments. I would remark that it is up to the usual standard of excellence. On the 17th of April I installed their officers for the ensuing year.

On the 5th of March I visited Morien Lodge, No 55. I examined the Secretary's Books and found them well kept, and the Treasurer's report was most satisfactory. After the visitation I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

I was unable to visit Thistle Lodge, No. 36, as the Grand Secretary did not give them notice of my appointment.

On the 20th of March I visited Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19. The Books and accounts of this Lodge were very satisfactory.

On the 22nd of May I visited Tyrian Youth Lodge, No. 45, The Secretary's Books are very fairly kept. I could not get the Treasurer's report at the time of my visit, but was promised it at an early date. This Lodge has had very serious difficulties to contend with for a number of years. The coal trade being very dull affected the Lodge very much, and they are having some trouble about their Lodge property. I have no doubt but that shortly they will come out all right, and that at the next official visit they will stand in a very much better position than at my visit.

Before closing this report, I would advise changing the territorial Jurisdiction of this District, by limiting it to the Island of Cape Breton. It is unreasonable to expect the District Deputy Grand Master to visit the two Lodges in Guysboro' County, when he has to visit Lodges 120 miles apart, and no railroad to aid him in his travels.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER D. MacGILLVARY,
*D. D. G. M. District No. 5.*

*Sydney, C. B., May 29th,* 1883.

## REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, it was

*Resolved*, That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to a Special Committee consisting of the following brethren, viz.: R. L. Black, T. B. Crosby and D. Lawlor.

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## THE CONSTITUTION—MOTIONS TO AMEND.

### SECTION 10, CHAPTER 4 NOT AMENDED.

W. Bro. William Crowe moved the consideration of the motion given by R. W. Bro. Cossmann at the last Annual Communication, to amend Section 10, Chapter 4 of the Constitution, so as to read:

"Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report to the M. W. Grand Master, at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office."

This motion to amend, being seconded by W. Bro. Green of Hudson Lodge and put to vote, was declared lost.

### SECTION 2, CHAPTER 3 AMENDED.

R. W. Bro. Curren's motion to amend Section 2, Chapter 3 of the Constitution by adding:

"In the temporary absence of both Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master from the Jurisdiction, the Junior Past Grand Master present shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master."

On being seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, was put to vote and agreed to.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals submitted the following Report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. John F. McDonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, was received and adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to submit the following report:

1. The case of an appeal by Bro. Arthur Cowie, from a vote of suspension by St. John's Lodge, No. 2, for non-payment of dues.

After carefully looking over the papers submitted to them in this case, and hearing the statements of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge; and after inspecting the books of the Lodge which were submitted to us, your Committee find, to the best of their judgment, that the action of St. John's Lodge in this matter has been fully in accordance with the Constitution, and would therefore recommend that the appeal of Bro. Arthur Cowie be dismissed.

2. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue, on the payment of the requisite fee of one dollar each, duplicate diplomas to the following brethren, viz.:

John Hatfield, of Minas Lodge, No. 67,
James Wilson, of Thistle Lodge, No. 36,
Nathaniel Curry, of Acacia Lodge, No. 8,
A. VonGuzman, of Welsford Lodge, No. 26,
Kenneth J. McKenzie, of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11,

satisfactory evidence having been given that the originals were destroyed by fire or shipwreck.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. F. DARLING,
*Chairman of Committee.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report, which was read, and, on motion of W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, received:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Grand Lodge for the past year, beg to report that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them correct.

The Receipts for the year have been :

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| Balance for 1882 | | $ 182 65 |
| For Dues | $1661 50 | |
| " Diplomas and Enrolment | 328 00 | |
| " Proceedings | 70 50 | |
| " Charters | 30 00 | |
| " Dispensations | 10 00 | |
| " Benevolent Fund | 1 50 | |
| " Renewal of Diplomas | 3 00 | |
| | | 2104 50 |
| Receipts from Freemasons' Hall | | 2296 50 |
| | | $4583 65 |

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

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|---|---|---|
| Interest | $2129 60 | |
| Insurance | 150 00 | |
| Grand Secretary | 500 00 | |
| Printing | 218 50 | |
| Stationery | 42 98 | |
| Janitor | 195 00 | |
| Fuel | 203 28 | |
| Gas | 294 75 | |
| Miscellaneous | 125 20 | |
| | | 3859 31 |
| By Balance | | $ 724 34 |

There are due Grand Lodge for the year ending June 6th, 1883, the following :

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| Rent, (Lodges) | $ 301 00 |
| " Old Hall | 70 00 |
| " Public Hall | 8 00 |
| Fees and Dues | 700 00 |
| | $1079 00 |

We recommend that these sums be collected at once.

As a Special Committee was appointed at the last Session of Grand Lodge to prepare a full and detailed statement of the financial condition, and to report at this Session, we have not included such statement in this Report.

Your Committee are pleased to note the satisfactory state of the Finances of Grand Lodge, and would recommend that a sum of not less than $500 be set apart towards forming a sinking fund for the payment of the debt on Freemasons' Hall, to be increased from year to year, as the balance on hand, when the accounts are yearly audited, will justify.

D. C. FRASER,

*Chairman of Committee.*

Halifax, June 6th, 1883.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, and unanimously

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Finance and Audit be received and adopted, with the exception of the clause recommending the establishment of a sinking fund, and that that question be deferred until the next Annual Communication.

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## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. Bro. William Taylor, from the Special Committee on Finance appointed at the last Annual Communication, submitted the following Report on the financial condition of Grand Lodge in June, 1882 :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

Your Special Committee on Finance, appointed at the last Communication, in consequence of the very short time allowed them since receiving official notice of their appointment and duties, viz., 25th May, ult., are able to submit only a very imperfect summary for the inspection of your Most Worshipful Body :—

1st.—They give an approximate revision of the Financial Statement and position of the Grand Lodge finances, as submitted by the Executive of Grand Lodge, at and for the first of June, 1881. (See pages 59–64, Report of 1881, as follows :—

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| The debit or deficiency against Grand Lodge, page 60, was... | | $ 576 33 |
| To this add a very uncertain asset, on same page, rent of Public Hall ..... | | 17 00 |
| Also, addition to W. & C. Silver's account..... ..... | | 10 70 |
| | | $ 604 03 |
| On this amount we can credit a payment on the sum deducted from dues as doubtful of... ..... .....$ | 3 50 | |
| Also, a payment on the sum deducted from rents as doubtful of | 83 33 | |
| And on the side of Liabilities a reduction on Account of City Taxes ..... ..... | 191 82 | |
| Of the total then reported as due for Representatives' expenses, 1880 and '81, remissions have been made amounting to ..... | 427 47 | |
| o these we also add the cash contributions from six Lodges mentioned, page 202 of the same Report..... | 346 75 | |
| | | $1052 87 |
| Surplus Balance..... ..... | | $ 448 84 |

From the foregoing memorandum it appears that the result of the action of the Grand Lodge, taken at the Communication in June, 1881, was to convert a deficiency in Grand Lodge finances of $576 33 into a surplus of $448.84.

2nd.—Your Committee have very hurriedly glanced at the financial situation in June, 1882. So far as they can report they find the assets, at that date, as follows :—

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|---|---|---|
| Cash in the Treasurer's hands | | $ 182 65 |
| Fees and Dues of 1880 and 1881, unpaid still | $167 64 | |
| " 1882 " | 408 75 | |
| | $576 39 | |
| Deduct as doubtful, say | 176 50 | |
| | | 399 89 |
| Lodge rents of Masonic Temple, 1881 and '82 | 834 00 | |
| " Old Hall, $70; rents Public Hall, $20 | 90 00 | |
| | $924 00 | |
| Doubtful, say | 124 00 | |
| | | 800 00 |
| | | $1382 54 |
| Liabilities at June, '82, to be Lodge Coupons | $ 28 00 | |
| Representatives' Expenses of '80 and '81 | 463 53 | |
| Representatives' claims for 1882, balance | 129 00 | |
| | | 620 53 |
| Surplus Balance | | $ 762 01 |

Assuming the foregoing to be somewhat near the correct situation, it appears that the financial condition is improving; the balance in June, '82, being some three hundred dollars more than it was in 1881. Your Committee would have been pleased to have given a more detailed and reliable summary of the situation; but even from these statements they hope good results will follow their efforts; and a more intelligent and satisfactory acquaintance with the important subject of Grand Lodge Finances become diffused throughout the Jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM TAYLOR,

*For the Committee.*

Halifax, June 4th, 1883.

On motion of W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, the above Report was received and adopted.

# REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, FREEMASONS' HALL,
*Halifax, 6th June*, 1883.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, have much pleasure in reporting thereon :—

Your Committee join with extreme satisfaction in congratulating the Brethren upon being permitted, by a kind Providence, to again assemble in Annual Communication with undiminished numbers.

Your Committee concur entirely with the sentiments of the M. W. Grand Master, expressive of the desirability of our annual formal recognition of our dependence upon the Great Architect of the Universe, and our gratitude to Him for His continued favors to us, individually, and as a Craft, by proceeding to some place of Public Worship, and there joining in Divine Service previously to entering upon the duties of Grand Lodge.

As the Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer will be duly submitted to Grand Lodge, your Committee deem it unnecessary to comment any further upon this portion of the Grand Master's Address, other than to express their gratification upon the improved financial condition of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee agree with the M. W. Grand Master in the hope that, in future, the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters may be forwarded to him, for his consideration, before the Annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master's suggestions with reference to the replacing of Charters lost or destroyed, be seriously considered by Grand Lodge, and such form adopted as may meet the necessities of the case.

Your Committee notice, with satisfaction, that no matters of importance have arisen during the absence of the Grand Master ; but believe with him that further enactments are desirable to avoid any difficulty that may occur in the future.

Your Committee think the Grand Master exercised a wise discretion by his action while in London, with regard to St. Andrew's, No. 8, and Tyrian Youth, No. 45, which, while enrolled under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, had not been erased from that of the Grand Lodge of England.

Your Committee have no doubt that every Member of Grand Lodge will join them in congratulating the M. W. Grand Master on the honor accorded to him as Grand Master of Nova Scotia by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other highly distinguished Members of the Craft, during his late visit to the United Kingdom ; and have no hesitation in expressing their conviction, that the Craft in this Province should feel highly flattered, in having at their head one so well able to

secure such honorable recognition, as the eminent and distinguished Brother who now presides in this Jurisdiction.

The official acts of the M. W. Grand Master, as recited in his Address, your Committee regard as being in strict accordance with Constitutional usages, or as a proper exercise of his prerogative. They refer with pleasure to the fact that the M. W. Grand Master, in his official visitations to the East and West, found that the interest in Freemasonry was unabated; and that the Lodges generally seem determined to dwell in harmony and uphold the name and credit of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

RICHARD AVERY,
LEWIS JOHNSTONE,
GEORGE FRASER.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Porter, it was

*Resolved,* That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *June 6th, 1883.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

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### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, W. Bro. A. D. McGillvary, and W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, were

appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected:

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| M. W. J. Wimburn Laurie | Grand Master. |
| R. W. D. C. Fraser | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. W. E. Starratt | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. William Ross | Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. James Dempster | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. Benjamin Curren | Grand Secretary. |
| R. W. L. F. Darling | Grand Lecturer. |
| R. W. Rev. G. Townshend | Grand Chaplain. |
| R. W. Rev. R. Avery | do. |
| R. W. Rev. G. Dodwell | do. |
| R. W. Rev. H. D. deBlois | do. |
| R. W. Rev. J. D. H. Browne | do. |
| R. W. Rev. F. Partridge | do. |
| V. W. William Crowe | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. C. F. Cochran | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. James Martin | G. Sup. of Works. |
| V. W. Thomas Mowbray | G. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| V. W. B. H. Landis | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| V. W. Samuel Porter | Grand Organist. |
| V. W. J. W. Heckman | Grand Pursuivant. |
| V. W. James Halliday | Grand Steward. |
| V. W. Samuel Trott | do. |
| V. W. A. H. Ewing | do. |
| V. W. C. F. Vose | do. |
| V. W. John Quiglay | do. |
| V. W. C. J. Spike | do. |
| V. W. John M. Taylor | Grand Tyler. |

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 7th, 1883.*

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

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## ABANDONMENT OF CLAIMS FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following Representatives voluntarily and very generously relinquished their claims for travelling expenses, viz.:

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| R. L. BLACK, | from Widow's Son, | River Philip, | for 1880. |
| W. MCKAY, | " " | " | for 1881. |
| J. F. MCDONALD, | " Curren, | Hopewell, | for 1881. |

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## ELDORADO LODGE—DUPLICATE OF CHARTER.

The Charter of Eldorado Lodge, No. 32, Wine Harbor, having been destroyed by fire on Monday, Nov. 13th, 1882, and the M. W. Grand Master having issued his authority to the W. Master, officers and members of the Lodge to continue their Masonic labors under such authority, until the Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Curren, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. D. deBlois, and unanimously

*Resolved,* That a Duplicate of Charter be granted to Eldorado Lodge free from charge.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A communication having been read from R. W. Bro. the Rev. D. C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stating that the work of the Committee would be ready for the printer at the usual time, the Grand Secretary was instructed to print, as usual, with the published Proceedings, the review of the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges.

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## PETITION TO REVIVE THE LATE PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47, BARRINGTON.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Nova Scotia :—*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our names,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending and re-establishing the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge,

We desire, if possible, and as far as the Constitution of the M. W. Grand Lodge and your judgment would allow, to re-organize Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, R. N. S., which surrendered its Charter in December, 1878. There were difficulties existing then which at present your petitioners are confident will not now embarrass the working of a Lodge.

We therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labours under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray that a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at Barrington, by the name and title of ———— Lodge, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge so established or so re-established, viz. :—

Charles E. McLarren ..... *W. Master.*
Edwin S. Goudy ..... *S. Warden.*
John Lyons ..... *J. Warden.*
Joshua P. Trefry ..... *Treasurer.*
Robert R. Hogg ..... *Secretary.*
William B. Hopkins ..... *S. Deacon.*
John N. Banks ..... *J. Deacon.*
Walter Smith ..... *Marshal or Inner Guard.*
Uriah Lyons, } *Stewards.*
—— ———— }
Stillman O. Malone ..... *Tyler.*

We particularly urge and pray the Grand Lodge to allow the Lodge the former Charter of the late Philadelphia Lodge, and the jewels and property surrendered to Grand Lodge on the recent surrender of the Lodge, seeing that the Lodge thus constituted or re-organized will have considerable expense to meet in its efforts to get properly equipped for successful operation.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Barrington, N. S., May, A. D. 1883.

| NAMES. | RESIDENCE. | LODGES. |
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| Robert R. Hogg | Barrington | Philadelphia. |
| T. C. Crowell | " | " |
| John N. Banks | " | " |
| W. B. Hopkins | " | " |
| W. Sargent | " | " |
| Charles E. McLarren | " | " |
| Thomas Coffin | " | " |
| J. T. Coffin | Port Clyde | " |
| James L. Swain | " | " |
| William H. Coffin | Barrington | " |
| J. K. Wilson | " | " |
| James Shand | " | " |
| John Lyons | " | Concord. |
| Walter Smith | " | " |
| Stillman Malone | " | " |
| Uriah Lyons | " | " |
| Silvanus Nickerson | " | " |
| J. P. Trefry | " | " |

We the undersigned, Officers of Concord Lodge, No. 24, R. N. S., and members of said Lodge, being the nearest regular Lodge to Barrington, the place where the within-proposed re-organized Philadelphia Lodge is to be located, having read the within petition, recommend that the prayer be granted, being able to vouch that the petitioners named as Officers are capable of conferring Degrees in a proper and constitutional manner; but owing to the absence of many of the members from home, we have been unable to obtain a meeting of the Lodge, in order to make our recommendation a formal one of Concord Lodge.

Cape Island, May, 1883.

JOHN C. CUNNINGHAM, *J. Warden.*
BARTLETT F. COVELL, *Secretary.*
Z. H. NEWELL, *S. Deacon.*
CYRUS NICKERSON, *J. Deacon.*
LEVI KENNY, *Steward.*
WM. B. SMITH, *Past Master.*
BARTLETT G. COVELL.
T. W. COVERT.

This petition having been recommended by the R. W. Dist. Dep. Grand Master for the District, and the necessity for the revival of the late Philadelphia Lodge having been strongly urged by W. Bro. J. P. Trefry, of Barrington, who was present in Grand Lodge, the following resolution was moved by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, and unanimously adopted :—

*Resolved,* That the petition from the brethren at Barrington be referred to the M. W. Grand Master's favourable consideration, with a recommendation that he issue his Dispensation to the brethren to open a Lodge, and that the same be granted free from charge, owing to the peculiar circumstances of Masonry in that locality; and further, that these brethren be furnished with the use of the jewels and movable property of the late Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, for this year.

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## TRUSTEES ELECTED.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, the following brethren were elected Trustees of Freemasons' Hall for the ensuing year, in addition to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, appointed by Section 26, Chapter 2 of the Constitution:

JAMES McLEARN.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.
JOHN W. RUHLAND.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
JOHN W. HECKMAN.
PETER E. McKERROW.
LORENZO F. DARLING.
THOMAS TRENAMAN.
WILLIAM A. HESSON.

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## PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year: to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by

the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge; and to include under each Lodge heading, in addition to its Officers and Past Masters, the names of all other subscribing members.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF 1866, &c., &c.

On motion of R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That brethren having spare copies of the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge for any of the years 1866, '67, '68 and '69, be respectfully requested to present the same to Grand Lodge, through the Grand Secretary.*

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## MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on "arrangement of Masonic documents," owing to the absence of the Chairman from the Province during the past year, asked for an extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

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## CHARLES R. BORDEN—QUESTION OF EXPULSION DEFERRED.

Bro. Charles R. Borden, suspended by King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, and recommended for expulsion, having left Nova Scotia, and the Grand Secretary having been unable

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* The first printed "Proceedings" of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia commences with a Quarterly Communication held on Friday, June 8, 1866, and includes also the first Annual Communication held on Thursday, June 21, 1866.

The recital of the Convention to organize, which was held Feb. 20, 1866, and of the first installation of Grand Officers, by R. W. Bro. William Taylor, which took place March 20, 1866, will be found in the Report of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the Grand Secretary, pages 18, 19, 20, and in the Annual Address of R. W. Bro. W. H. Davies, the Grand Master, pages 34 and 35 of the printed Proceedings here referred to.

Intending donors will be careful not to be misled by the date A. L. 5870 on the cover of the first issue: the first page, however, of the Proceedings shows A. D. 1866.

to ascertain his present residence, the following resolution was offered by R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. F. Cochran, and adopted:

*Resolved,* That King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, be instructed to effect service of the usual summons on Bro. Charles R. Borden, and make due return thereof before next Session of Grand Lodge; and that the matter of the expulsion of this brother be deferred till the next Annual Communication.

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## PETER McKENZIE—QUESTION OF EXPULSION DEFERRED.

The usual summons to appear and show cause why expulsion should not be pronounced against Bro. Peter McKenzie, of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Pictou, having been issued in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge of last year, (See Proceedings 1882, page 41), but having failed to reach the brother, R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the matter of the recommendation of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, be deferred till the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

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## HONORARY RANK CONFERRED.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary, offered the following, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. Richard Avery, and adopted:

*Whereas,* R. W. Bro. the Rev. Francis Partridge, now an affiliated member of Virgin Lodge, No. 3, of this Jurisdiction, has been returned to Grand Lodge by said Virgin Lodge, in its list of Past Masters, and has been elected Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge;

*And whereas,* said Rev. Brother held the position of Deputy Grand Master in our Sister Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; therefore

*Resolved,* That the honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon Brother Partridge, both as a personal mark of esteem for himself, and as an expression of the respect entertained by the members of this Body for our Sister Grand Lodge.

## ACCOUNT TO BE PAID.

The following account was submitted to Grand Lodge and ordered to be paid:

From J. Norman Ritchie for professional services in 1879....$75 80

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## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

R. W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, from the Special Committee on the Reports of the District Deputies, presented the following, which was received, and on motion of W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, seconded by W. Bro. J. Greener, adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report that, having examined the papers, we find the great hindrance to the full performance of the duty imposed upon the District Deputies is, that the extent of territory comprising each District is too great for each officer to perform his duty satisfactorily, either to himself or to the Craft. To remedy this we recommend that notice of motion be given to change the present boundaries of Masonic Districts.

The other matters referred to having been already dealt with by Grand Lodge, we do not consider it necessary to again bring them to your notice.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. BLACK,
D. LAWLOR,
T. B. CROSBY.

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## PETITION FROM ALBERT LODGE.

Albert Lodge, No. 30, having failed for four years to comply with the terms of Section 28, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, requiring the payment of Annual Dues to Grand Lodge, submitted the following petition, which was read by the Grand Secretary:

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Nova Scotia :—*

The petition of the undersigned regular registered master masons and officers of Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, N. S.,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That for a period of at least three years, our Lodge has been very much embarrassed, financially, and remains at this time heavily burdened.

That, having built a large and commodious Hall at a time when everything seemed to warrant us in doing so, and after having completed the same, the great financial crisis to which the whole of our country was subjected, came suddenly upon us, and many of the brethren were forced to seek employment in other countries, in consequence of which we lost their labor and support.

That upon several conventions of your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, we have been duly represented, and in almost all instances our representatives have never drawn from your funds for expenses of travel; this Lodge, therefore, in that particular, has never been a burden to your Most Worshipful Lodge.

That, during all our trying circumstances, we have regularly met for the transaction of business; and that, having the good of Masonry at heart, we are very anxious to continue to do so. The dawn of a better period seems to be steadily approaching.

We would therefore pray that our Lodge be relieved from Grand Lodge dues to the present date. Should this Lodge ever be in a position, we would most cheerfully pay all our back dues.

The prayer of this petition being granted, this Lodge will, in the future, use every endeavor to meet our liabilities to Grand Lodge, as they become due from year to year.

Shelburne, May 29th, 1883.

Signed by

WINSLOW C. McKAY, *W. M.*,
GEORGE K HINES, *S. W.*,
EDWARD A. BOWER, *J. W.*,
JOSEPH McGILL, *Treas.*,
ROBERT A. BRUCE, *Sec'y.*,
WILLIAM FIRTH, *S. D.*,
JOHN BOWER, *P. M.*,
ABRAHAM C. McLEAN,
KELLY McKAY,
C. WHITE.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. E. Starratt, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, and

*Resolved*, That the petition just read, not being in proper form, be not received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 7th, 1883.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

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## SYMPATHY WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. William Ross, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge has heard, with sincere regret, of the destruction by fire of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall, London, with its valuable historical pictures and statues; and desires to express hearty sympathy with its Ancient Mother Grand Lodge in the irreparable loss it has sustained.

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## APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. T. B. Crosby submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That a Special Committee consisting of Brethren William Taylor, William Crowe, and James A. Adams, be appointed to furnish a detailed report for publication in the present year's Proceedings, of the financial position of Grand Lodge at the close of this Communication; and that said Committee be authorized to examine fully the books and papers of Grand Lodge that have reference to this question. (See report at the end of the Review of Proceedings.)

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the next Annual Communication were given as follows:

By R. W. Bro. William Ross, to expunge Section 1 of that part of Chapter 4 headed, OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, and to substitute therefor the following:

The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into nine districts, numbered as follows:

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.
No. 2. To include the Counties of Hants and Kings.
No. 3. To include the Counties of Annapolis and Digby.
No. 4. To include the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne.
No. 5. To include the Counties of Queens and Lunenburg.
No. 6. To include the Counties of Cumberland and Colchester.
No. 7. To include the Counties of Pictou and Antigonish.
No. 8. To include the Counties of Guysboro' and Richmond.
No. 9. To include the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Inverness..

By W. Bro. William Crowe, to amend Section 10, Chapter 4, by adding: "And shall submit such Report at least two weeks previous to the Annual Communication."

By W. Bro. Angus H. Mackay, to amend Section 24, Chapter 14, so that it shall read:

SECTION 24.—"Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to the Lodge by a two-thirds vote, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of suspension; and any suspended brother shall immediately be restored by the Lodge on payment being made of all arrears up to the time of his application, without a fresh ballot."

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Brother William Taylor, with the assistance of R. W. Bros. W. E. Starratt and T. R. Harris, installed the following Grand Officers elect; after which due proclamation thereof was made by M. W. Bro. William Taylor, the installing officer, in the East; R. W. Bro. William Williams in the West; and R. W. Bro. William A. Hesson in the South:

M. W. J. W. Laurie ..... Grand Master.
R. W. D. C. Fraser ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. W. E. Starratt ..... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. Ross ..... Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. Dempster ..... Grand Treasurer.
R. W. B. Curren ..... Grand Secretary.
R. W. L. F. Darling ..... Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. R. Avery ..... Grand Chaplain.
V. W. W. Crowe ..... Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. C. F. Cochran ..... Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. J. Martin ..... Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. T. Mowbray ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. B. H. Landis ..... Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. S. Porter ..... Grand Organist.
V. W. J. W. Heckman ..... Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. Halliday ..... Grand Steward.
V. W. S. Trott ..... do.
V. W. A. H. Ewing ..... do.
V. W. J. Quiglay ..... do.
V. W. John M. Taylor ..... Grand Tyler.

## VOTES OF THANKS

Were tendered as follows:

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald,—

To the Masonic Choir who, under the very able leadership of R. W. Bro. S. Porter, rendered such efficient aid during the installation ceremonies.

To Burns and Royal Sussex Lodges for the use of the Blue Room the last two evenings.

And on motion of R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser—

To the Brethren in Halifax for private hospitalities extended to members from a distance attending Grand Lodge; and more especially to R. W. Bro. William Ross, W. Master of Virgin Lodge, of this city.

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## APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials.*

J. W. Longley, B. H. Landis, S. Trott.

*On Constitution and Regulations.*

C. J. Macdonald, W. Ross, C. J. Townshend.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

W. F. McCoy, L. F. Darling, W. Crowe.

*On Finance and Audit.*

D. C. Fraser, J. H. Balcam, C. E. Davison.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

Rev. D. C. Moore, T. B. Flint, Rev. F. Partridge.

*On Charters.*

J. A. Adams, J. W. Heckman, T. G. D. Scotland.

*On Library and Reading Room.*

B. Curren, J. Gossip, A. K. MacKinlay.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

First District, R. W. J. W. Ruhland, Halifax.
Second District, R. W. T. B. Crosby, Yarmouth.
Third District, R. W. T. R. Harris, Aylesford.
Fourth District, R. W. J. F. McDonald, Hopewell.
Fifth District, R. W. A. D. McGillvary, Sydney, C. B.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. Richard Avery, Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A. D. 1884, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*Grand Secretary.*

# RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

**For the year ending June 1st, A. D. 1883—A. L. 5883.**

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. Crowe ..... *W. M.*
H. McC. Hart ..... *S. W.*
R. Theakston ..... *J. W.*
T. Trenaman ..... *T.*
W. R. Cogswell ..... *Sec'y*
F. B. Sanford ..... *S. D.*
W. D. Cameron ..... *J. D.*
F. C. Simson ..... *I. G.*
A. G. Cunningham ..... *S. S.*
E. T. Mahon ..... *J. S.*
J. M. Taylor ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Woodill, P. G. W.
J. W. Scott.
T. S. Lownds.
R. C. Hamilton.
A. H. Woodill, P. D. G. M.
J. Dempster, G. T.
T. Trenaman.
J. H. Jost.
J. C. Cahill.
Rev. J. D. H. Browne, G. C.
S. Porter, P. G. W., G. O.
S. M. Brookfield.

MASTER MASONS:

Archibald, A. N.
Boardwell, J.
Blundell, J. A.
Bowles, F. J.
Cormack, J. B.
Chambers, T. A.
Cogswell, Wm. L.
Cowie, A. J.
Dodwell, G. B.
Davidson, Geo.
Davidson, S. R.
Eaton, W.
Fader, A.
Fader, J. H.
Francis, T. H.
Harris, H.
Harley, F. W.
Henley, W. C.
Hart, A.
Johnson, G. R.
Johnston, T. C.
Jubien, F. W.
Kaizer, A. G.
LeRoux, E.
McDonald, A. G.
McCarthy, W. A.
Northup, Alexander.
Oakes, S. D.
Priest, J. S.
Peakes, J. D.
Payne, T. J.
Roome, W. T.
Rolston, J. D.
Sanford, G. A.
Shatford, J. E.
Seccombe, W. H.
Shirreff, John.
Slayter, W. B.
Strothard, James.
Thomas, W. G.
Woodill, W. N.
Winterbourne, Rev. J.
Wallace, J. D. M.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed London, June 30, 1780,

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. TROTT.....*W. M.*
W. C. NASH.....*S. W.*
F. A. HAMILTON.....*J. W.*
J. KERR.....*T.*
L. A. BARNABY.....*Sec'y.*
D. RUTHERFORD.....*S. D.*
W. INGLIS.....*J. D.*
C. F. VOSE.....*I. G.*
I. J. WYLDE.....*S. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*J. S.*
J. M. TAYLOR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.
J. Martin, G. S. of W.
J. W. Laurie, G. Master.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.
A. K. MacKinlay, P. G. W.
C. F. Vose, G. St.
E. M. Veith.
W. Inglis.
W. F. MacCoy.
G. Anderson.
D. Robertson.
I. J. Wylde.
C. C. Carter.

MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, C.
Barry, C. R.
Cook, T.
Eagar, M. F.
Fielding, George H.
Fielding, John E.
Fordham, A.
Guy, G.
Hesslein, A. G.
Hesslein, L. J.
Jackson, A. W.
Morse, J. E.
Messervey, J.
Morrison, Rev. R.
McElwaine, L. G.
McDonald, W. B.
McDonald, Alexander.
Stather, R.
Smith, J. G.
Smith, H. W.
Tatham, W. G.
Whiston, F.

## VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. Ross ..... *W. M.*
C. J. Spike ..... *S. W.*
E. J. Gorham ..... *S. W.*
W. A. Hesson ..... *T.*
C. W. Tupper ..... *Sec'y.*
J. McCrow ..... *S. D.*
T. A. Greer ..... *J. D.*
F. W. Johnstone ..... *I. G.*
G. C. J. Handcock ..... *S. S.*
V. J. Gibson ..... *J. S.*
J. M. Taylor ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.
R. T. Roome.
B. Curren, P. G. W., G. Secretary.
J. Gossip, P. G. W.
T. Mowbray, G. D. of C.
Rev. J. B. Richardson.
C. C. Vaux.
C. E. Puttner.
A. Stephen.
A. E. Curren.
U. F. Lapham.
J. Hicks.
J. Hudson.
J. Crossland.
Rev. F. Partridge, P. D. G. M.
W. Esson.

MASTER MASONS :

Anderson, J. R.
Anderson, J. H.
Bolman, E.
Black, G. P.
Bland, L. J.
Brown, W. L.
Belfield, H. E.
Boyton, M.
Cornelius, J.
Creighton, H. C.
Davidson, J. R.
Day, F.
Fitch, S.
Gorham, E.
Greer, G. M.
Hart, W. H.
Hedingham, J.
Hunt, J. J.
Jennett, J. R.
Johnston, A. D.
Jago, J. W.
Kerrison, E.
Knight, T. P.
Lawson, W. T.
Lundy, D. W.
Lawrence, Wm.
Lyle, J.
Mason, H. J.
Mitchell, Wm. F.
Murray, R.
McDonald, M.
Newman, W. H.
Northup, W. C.
Marter, F. B. K.
Oland, J. C.
Oland, G. W. C.
Plenty, J.
Potts, C. H.
Rigby, C. D.
Ross, W. B.
Schaefer, H.
Sinclair, G. L.
Symonds, W. F.
Saunders, J. R.
Sternes, E. H.
Spike, A. W.
Silver, H. S.
Townsend, S.
Twining, H. St. G.
Towers, G.
Wickwire, W. N.
Williams, G. H.
Scott, A. M.
Wier, L. D.

## UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

### LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. ETTER ..... *W. M.*
W. A. ZWICKER ..... *S. W.*
A. THURLOW ..... *J. W.*
H. S. JOST ..... *T.*
REV. G. D. HARRIS ..... *Sec'y.*
D. J. RUDOLF ..... *S. D.*
C. ARENBURG ..... *J. D.*
J. M. RUDOLF ..... *I. G.*
D. M. OWEN ..... *S. S.*
W. TOWNSHEND ..... *J. S.*
W. GRAY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. S. Jost. D. J. Rudolf.
D. M. Owen.

MASTER MASONS :

Bailey, J. H.
Coldwell, A. B.
Dowling, C. J.
Eisenhauer, A.
Hebb, John.
Hyson, J.
Hunt, James E.
Jacobs, S.
Knock, D.
Kaulback, J.
Knock, N.
Liebkie, A.
Mosher, J. A.
Morash, A.
Nass, J.
Oxner, R.
Pearle, J.
Powers, F.
Risser, S.
Rodenheiser, J.
Rudolf, J. M.
Risser, J.
Romkey, W. L.
Smith, F.
Shupe, J.
Selig, G. H.
Smeltzer, M.
Smith, W.
Wolf, E.
Wallace, W. H.
Zwicker, J. H.
Zinck, T.

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## ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

### NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

H. T. SUTHERLAND ..... *W. M.*
J. CUMMINGS ..... *S. W.*
A. CAMERON ..... *J. W.*
J. MCGILLIVRAY ..... *T.*
R. GRANT ..... *Sec'y.*
G. A. DOUGLAS ..... *S. D.*
A. J. RICE ..... *J. D.*
N. PRISHIE ..... *I. G.*
C. J. MCKINNON ..... *S. S.*
D. R. GRANT ..... *J. S.*
T. SULLIVAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. J. Cameron.
K. McLeod.
P. R. Meikle.
G. A. Douglas.
A. Fraser.
A. McQueen.
J. McGillivray.
R. A. Walker.
J. K. Fraser.
J. W. Church.
A. Cameron.
J. S. McKay.

D. C. Fraser, D. G. M.

MASTER MASONS:

Betts, W.
Bailey, E. R.
Cummings, D.
Campbell, D.
Cavanagh, J. H.
Copeland, A.
Campbell, A.
Canghill, D. A.
Cameron, F.
Douglas, D.
Dunbar, R.
Dunbar, A.
Easterwood, J.
Fraser, W.
Fraser, A.
Fraser, T.
Fraser, J. T.
Fraser, S. H.
Fraser, J. (Downie)
Fraser, A.
Flackhart, J.
Fraser, A.
Fraser, J. W.
Fraser, A. W.
Fraser, G. H.
Graham, J. C.
Graham, J. G.
Graham, W. C.
Graham, R.
Graham, D. R.
Gerrard, J. W.
Graham, J. McK.
Holmes, T.
Hunter, J.
Henderson, H.
Ingraham, J.
Jove, W.
McKenzie, A. J.
Meikle, A.
McKenzie, W. F.
McDonald, D.
McDearmid, D.
McDonald, J.
Mann, A.
McKay, R. P.
McNeil, J.
McLean, C.
McLeod, A. F.
McCurdy, S. M.
Marshall, B. B.
McLeod, A.
McKaracher, J.
McDonald, J.
McKay, J.
McDougald, D.
McKay, M.
McDonald, J.
McPherson, J.
McKaracher, A.
McKay, D. W.
McLeod, A.
McKay, J. R.
McLean, J. R.
Murray, H.
McDonald, J. R.
McGregor, J. W.
O'Brien, T. R.
O'Brien, A. R.
Polson, D.
Reaves, J.
Ross, D.
Ross, D.
Ross, H.
Ross, J.
Rose, H.
Steward, J. K.
Steward, A.
Sutherland, N.
Thompson, A. C.
Turner, J. R.
Treen, J.

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## ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 6.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. Taylor ..... *W. M.*
B. J. Pritchard ..... *S. W.*
W. R. Thompson ..... *J. W.*
T. P. Jost ..... *T.*
J. McLearn ..... *Sec'y.*
J. Forbes ..... *S. D.*
T. Robinson ..... *J. D.*
J. Foster ..... *I. G.*
S. Brown ..... *S. S.*
J. G. Colp ..... *J. S.*
J. M. Taylor ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. M. Taylor, G. Tyler.
W. Holloway, P. G. W.
J. McLearn.
H. B. Sellon.
E. Fultz.
D. L. Johns.
G. J. Fluck.
D. McDougall.

MASTER MASONS:

Bentley, J. H.
Berry, W.
Barnstead, J. P.
Cook, H.
Doyle, J. L.
Edwards, A.
Everett, T. E.
Enefer, J.
Fulton, H.
Geppard, J. P.
Grant, S. A.
Hammett, J. L.
Hammett, B. H.
Luke, W. G.
Lawrence, H. J.
Martell, C. A.
McDougall, J. H.
McDonald, W.
Packer, E.
Robinson, R.
Renhart, W. N.
Shute, W.
Wills, W. H.
Woolnough, C.
Worth, G.
Ward, F.

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 499, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. S. Stirling ..... *W. M.*
J. A. Burns ..... *S. W.*
T. C. Harold ..... *J. W.*
A. J. McDonald ..... *T.*
F. G. Muggah ..... *Sec'y.*
C. A. Farquharson ..... *S. D.*
N. E. Muggah ..... *J. D.*
J. McViccar ..... *I. G.*
G. M. Baker ..... *S. S.*
D. McLennan ..... *J. S.*
K. McKenzie ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. Crewe-Read.
N. L. McKay.
M. Dodd.
A. D. McGillivray, D. D. G. M.
J. McKenzie.
D. Matheson.
A. McLeod.
J. Patterson.

MASTER MASONS.

Armstrong, G. B.
Bradley, M.
Boutilier, T. S.
Bown, H. G.
Campbell, J. A.
Coleman, R.
Dillon, W. W.
McBeth, M.
McDonald, A.
McKinnon, W.
McKeagan, J.
McDonald, A.
McKeagan, D.
Menzies, R.
Fearian, J. B.
Peters, J.
Peters, S.
Publicover, S. H.
Rudderham, D.
Richardson, C. A.
Rose, J. Y.

Farquharson, Rev. A.
Gardener, W. E.
Hill, C. W.
Hall, H. G.
Lewis, J. V.
Liscomb, F. A.
Martin, R.
McKitterick, B.
Muggah, J. H.
Murphy, E.
McLennan, A.
Murray, Rev. J.
McSween, R.
Oram, G.
Wilson, J.
Richardson, A.
Salter, S.
Townsend, J. C.
Townsend, N.
Townsend, T. W.
Townsend, J. E.
Townsend, E. M.

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## ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S. Chartered March 8, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. M. Townshend ..... *W. M.*
F. A. Wilson ..... *S. W.*
J. E. Bigelow ..... *J. W.*
W. J. Moran ..... *T.*
A. Davidson ..... *Sec'y.*
A. Black ..... *S. D.*
E. C. Peeton ..... *J. D.*
N. Curry ..... *M.*
C. Warmunde ..... *S. S.*
A. A. Chapman ..... *J. S.*
C. Brownell ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Hill.
N. Tupper, P. G. W.
C. J. Townshend.
C. R. Smith.
W. I. Moffat.
A. B. Etter.
D. T. Chapman.

MASTER MASONS :

Baker, C. E.
Burton, W. H.
Bird, G. G.
Bent, B. D.
Barnes, J. C.
Colford, P. J.
Carter, A.
Chapman, D. T.
Coats, H. M.
Chipman, R. W.
Chapman, J. H.
Dunlap, T.
Douglas, D. W.
Dowlin, W. M.
Etter, J. B.
Etter, F. J.
Etter, G. R.
Farrington, C.
Freeman, J. W.
Greenfield, S. R.
Goodwin, C.
Holmes, W.
Hewsen, C.
Hay, J. M.
Harrison, O. L.
Hillsen, C.
Higgins, W.
Lamy, J. R.
Lawrenson, R.
Lay, E. J.
Lowe, C. A.
Knight, E. W.
Main, W. D.
Murray, W.
Main, D. W.
McKay, S. G.
Nichol, P.
Porter, J.
Pugsley, R.
Rodgers, G. P.
Robb, D. W.
Searman, G.
Tallock, Rev. F.
Townshend, Rev. G.
Willet, G. B.
Vernon, M. P.

## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

### LIVERPOOL.

Formerly No. 562, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered, March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. C. Parker ..... *W. M.*
R. McLeod ..... *S. W.*
G. Smith ..... *J. W.*
J. M. Cole ..... *T.*
A. L. West ..... *Sec'y.*
F. F. Faber ..... *S. D.*
P. Bowen ..... *J. D.*
D. Buchanan ..... *I. G.*
S. Chandler ..... *S. S.*
W. J. Thompson ..... *J. S.*
A. Laing ..... *Tyler*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cobb.
J. M. Cole.
D. Buchanan.
J. N. S. Marshall.
W. Knaut.
E. J. Thomson.
W. T. B. Fraser.
J. Edgar.

MASTER MASONS:

Burking, J.
Baltzer, J.
Beals, A.
Burgess, G.
Cowie, A.
Day, A.
Dumphy, E.
Frith, C.
Fraser, J. W.
Fraser, W. T. B.
Frelick, E.
Gardner, S.
Gardner, A.
Hammett, W. D.
Knaut, W.
Ling, W. C.
McLeod, W. S.
McDonald, A.
Mouser, W.
Middlemas, J. B.
Moody, D.
Mailman, S.
Putman, E. J.
Putman, F.
Nonan, G.
Ritchie, W.
Snow, C. E. D.
Stewart, J. L.
Stewart, R.
Smith, G. P.
Thompson, C. J.
Verge, W.
Verge, J.
Verge, S.
Winters, G.
Wile, J.
West, S. E.

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## BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also, No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. Ellis ..... *W. M.*
G. S. Grant ..... *S. W.*
E. Mansfield ..... *J. W.*
J. Fortune ..... *T.*
A. Waddell ..... *Sec'y.*
C. H. Bennett ..... *S. D.*
T. A. Cook ..... *J. D.*
J. Overy ..... *M.*
J. A. Thompson ..... *S. S.*
J. A. Hancock ..... *J. S.*

PAST MASTERS:

William Taylor, Past G. Master.
R. Brechin, P. D. G. M.
D. Pottinger, P. G. W.
Alex. Waddell.
J. Fortune.
W. A. Garrison.
S. Mosher.
J. R. Bennett.
O. Jones.
G. E. Charles.
J. T. Clarke.
W. A. McKenzie.
Rev. R. Wainwright.
J. H. Balcam.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, W.
Alcorn, A.
Bucksey, C.
Breckin, A.
Blakeney, J.
Burden, J. W.
Baker, J.
Beck, J. A.
Buchanan, M.
Brokenshire, J. D.
Butcher, J. B.
Brinkman, C.
Craigie, J.
Cawsey, J.
Carr, J.
Chatwin, J. P.
Clements, W.
Cropley, H. A.
Dean, F.
Dixon, J.
Evens, W.
Fultz, R. DeB.
Fancy, S.
Garret, H.
Grant, D. C.
Griffin, J.
Genge, M. H.
Gruchy, DeP.
Hefler, J.
Hillier, C.
Hillman, G. T.
Hazlett, J.
Harris, A.
Hatfield, A. J.
Hire, J. R.
Hopkins, H.
Innis, G. S.
Jones, W.
Judge, P.
Janowyce, J.
Jenkins, W.
Kenty, I. B.
Lloy, J. C.
Layton, J.
Lawson, T.
Mosely, R.
Malcolm, A. H.
McConkey, T.
McDonald, W.
McHeffy, J.
McInnis, H.
McKenzie, W. W.
Morrison, J.
Messervey, W.
Mitchell, S.
Monamy, J G.
Morrison, R.
Martell, J.
Maskell, J. G.
Maskell, P. W.
Morrison, W.
Osborne, J.
O'Brien, M. J.
Pace, S.
Patterson, J.
Philips, A. J.
Patterson, R.
Purdy, J.
Pye, C. E
Pye, W. H.
Parker, W.
Ross, J.
Robinson, W.
Robinson, C.
Satterley, W. J. S.
Salter, W.
Stoddard, W. E.
Smith, J. W.
Sterling, E. R.
Taylor, W. E.
Wilson, T.
Waddell, D.
Wilson, T. G.
Woods, T.
Williams, D.
White, D.
Yould, T.

## NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

### PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. F. TANNER ..... *W. M.*
J. MCMILLAN ..... *S. W.*
C. E. TANNER ..... *J. W.*
F. W. FRASER ..... *T.*
G. E. JOHNSTONE ..... *Sec'y.*
F. MCKARCHER ..... *S. D.*
A. MCNAUGHT ..... *J. D.*
D. W. ENGLISH ..... *I. G.*
J. GUNN ..... *S. S.*
J. D. CARLETON ..... *J. S.*
J. BROWN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

R. Tanner.
J. A. Gordon.
G. R. Davies.
J. J. Davis.
T. Robley.
J. R. Davies.
T. Tanner.
H. Kirkwood.
K. J. McKenzie.

MASTER MASONS :

Allard, W.
Bone, C. D.
Chipman, W.
Cooke, W. A.
Currie, A.
Christie, D.
Curry, W.
Christie, G. J.
Copeland, S.
Cameron, S. J.
Carmichael, J. F.
Craig, D.
Clark, J.
Campbell, A.
Campbell, J. W.
Carleton, S.
Devey, W.
Davies, C. E.
Duncan, R G.
Downing, J. L.
Douglas, D.
Edgecombe, Rev. J.
Edmunds, W.
Geldert, D. M.
Green, J. A. C.
Garvin, J. S.
Graham, P. McG.
Gunn, W.
Harper, M.
Henderson, A C.
Hislop, D. T.
Hockin, R.
Harris, J. S.
Harris, W. S.
Hamilton, C.
Ives, G. D.
Ives, W. H.
Ives, D. F.
Jack, W.
Langill, G.
Munro, W.
Munro, Duncan.
McDonald, Dan.
McGregor, M.
McDonald, Colin.
McDonald, Robt.
McKinnon, L.
Munro, David.
McKay, A. H.
McKenzie, J.
McDonald, J. R.
Murray, D. N.
McKenzie, A.
McDonald, James.
McNeil, J.
McKenzie, J. D. B. F.
McKenzie, A.
McDonald, D.
McPherson, G.
McDonald, A.
Morrison, M.
Murray, D. W.
Murray, L.
McCoull, A.
McQuarry, C. W.
Patton, T.
Pooll, G. W.
Ross, W.
Rogers, B.

Fisher, J. A.
Forbes, J. W.
Fraser, Dan. C.
Fraser, G. W.
Forbes, H.
Fowler, L. P.
Fernie, W.
Fraser, J.
Fraser, N.
Fraser, A.
Fraser, J.
McKenzie, Wm.
McDonald, James.
McGregor, Wm.
McKarchar, A.
McKenzie, John.
McKenzie, J. D.
McDonald, John.
McDonald, J. S.
McDonald, R.
McKenzie, A.
McKenzie, H.
Rood, C. L.
Sterling, D. S.
Silva, J. P.
Sproull, J. F.
Stone, T.
Sutherland, D.
Sutherland, J. B.
Thompson, A.
Taylor, T. G.
Urquhart, W.

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## HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. V. B. Bingay.....*W. M.*
A. Rogers.....*S. W.*
E. D. Moulton.....*J. W.*
J. R. Wyman.....*T.*
T. B. Crosby.....*Sec'y.*
W. Ross.....*S. D.*
A. C. Hutchison.....*J. D.*
J. Sleethe.....*I. G.*
W. W. Reid.....*S. S.*
D. Ross.....*J. S.*
B. B. Smith.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

T. V. B. Bingay.
A. J. Hood.
J. W. Bingay.
F. L. Hatfield.
A. S. Hood.
J. R. Wyman.
T. B. Crosby, D. D. G. M.
T. E. Corning.
W. W. Reid.

MASTER MASONS :

Richards, D.
Rogers, L. J.
Brown, T. B.
Gardner, J. N.
McCormack, J.
Wyman, N. A.
Bent, N. H.
Webster, J. L. R.
Lovitt, J. J.
Bingay, G.
Gridley, J. E.
Parker, J. B.
Churchill, H.
Goudy, A. Jr.
Spinney, D.
Grant, G.
Homer, A. W.
Hughes, H.
Northup, S. C.
Goudy, H.
Hood, S. C.
Brown, W.
Rozee, J.
Ellis, J. J.
Holmes, J. H.
Trask, C. E.
Chadsey, J.
Scovill, S. N.
Patton, G. S.
Veith, J. B.
Spears, R.
Brown, C. L.
Roberts, W. F.
Ritter, R.
Titus, G. B.

## ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

### PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 28, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. MACKINTOSH ..... *W. M.*
E. KING ..... *S. W.*
R. SMITH ..... *J. W.*
H. C. BLACK ..... *T.*
D. MACAULAY ..... *Sec'y.*
G. H. JOHNSON ..... *S. D.*
G. HEATHER ..... *J. D.*
E. MCPHERSON ..... *I. G.*
W. N. SEAMAN ..... *S. S.*
D. CAMPBELL ..... *J. S.*
G. MCKINNON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. C. Black.
D. Macaulay.
R. Smith.
E. King.

MASTER MASONS :

Campbell, J. T.
Warner, J. E.
Mitchell, A.
Page, R. F.
Wilson, A.
Yeaman, R.
McDonald, J.
Starratt, J. W.
Hueston, H.
McLeod, C.

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## ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. J. MCKIEL ..... *W. M.*
T. G. CREELMAN ..... *S. W.*
R. MCFATRIDGE ..... *J. W.*
T. D. SPIKE ..... *T.*
H. D. MUNRO ..... *Sec'y.*
J. W. RUHLAND ..... *S. D.*
A. HAMIL ..... *J. D.*
W. V. SMITH ..... *I. G.*
J. D. STEWART ..... *S. S*
G. JOHANSON ..... *J. S*
J. M. TAYLOR ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. Fraser.
J. Sutherland.
A. McLeod.
J. W. Ruhland, D. D. G. M.
T. D. Spike.
J. K. Bent.
O. M. Hill.
T. C. Allen.

MASTER MASONS :

McKenzie, J.
Hesslein, H. H.
Sutherland, A. R.
McKay, A.
Munck, W.
Fraser, J.
Archibald, D.
McIntosh, L.
Morrison, R. G.
Clausen, J. H.
Robinson, C.
McKenzie, A.
Backman, J. L.
Willis, C.
Nott, H.
Khristenson, C.
Coward, G.
Nickerson, C.
Sutherland, W.
McLean, H.
Patterson, J. M.
Hill, O. M.
Stewart, D.
Bligh, H. H.
Campbell, N.
Larsen, B.
McCuish, A.
Ryan, J. G.
Woodbridge, A. F.
Moir, D.
McAlpine, J. T.
Halliburton, A. A.
Geldert, J. M.
Levangie, M.
Eides, H.
McAuley, N. H.

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## ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

B. H. Landis.....*W. M.*
A. Mosher.....*S. W.*
I. J. Sanford.....*J. W.*
J. McInnis.....*T.*
W. Williams.....*Sec'y.*
J. H. Dow.....*S. D.*
W. H. Brown.....*J. D.*
J. E. M. Taylor.....*M.*
J. H. Sutherland.....*S. S.*
G. M. P. Reid.....*J. S.*
J. M. Taylor.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

C. J. Macdonald, P. D. G. M.
J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.
W. Williams, P. G. W.
J. J. Stewart.
A. Carpenter.
T. Mitchell.
J. T. Hamilton.
A. B. Wilmot.

MASTER MASONS :

Barnstead, J.
Walters, S.
Hubley, B.
Cohn, S. J.
Herkes, J.
Longard, J. P.
McEwan, H.
Kearney, E.
Healy, W.
Lock, R.
Archibald, E.
Elliott, J. T.
Cecconi, T.
Robison, J. M.
Wiswell, W. E.
Kerr, J.
Grey, C. W.
Ingles, C. R.
McLellan, W. W.
Hopgood, W. J.
Brush, W.

Sarre, W. C.
Noble, S. G.
Cox, C. F.
Bowser, J.
Boggs, G. W.
Myers, R.
Files, L. G.
Eastwood, R.
Bird, H. C.
Archibald, J. L.
Harrison, J. McM.
Richardson, W. J.
Haystead, J. R.

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## KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

### HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. J. Morse ..... *W. M.*
W. G. Clark ..... *S. W.*
S. Kniffin ..... *J. W.*
A. Marshall ..... *T.*
G. Nicholl ..... *Sec'y.*
W. W. Clark ..... *S. D.*
J. W. Turnbull ..... *J. D.*
J. H. Purdy ..... *I. G.*
W. S. Fullerton ..... *S. S.*
W. Graham ..... *J. S.*
W. Halliday ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. Nicholl.
J. H. Harlow.
J. H. Benson.
J. V. Purdy.
E. E. Tupper, P. S. G. W.
S. Kniffin.
C. E. Hulsman.
C. H. Purdy.

MASTER MASONS :

Lent, D.
Crosby, H.
Troop, T. W.
Fleet, J. H.
Dunn, J. H.
Langley, J.
Rice, E.
Parker, G. S.
Cooper, J. E.
Burrill, J.
Bey, J. McC.
LeCain, J.
Rice, I. B.
Dunn, J.
Vroom, G. V.
Spurr, W. V.
Dunn, A. C.
Morgan, W.
Smith, W.
Lent, W. A.
Shaw, W. C.
Harris, J. H.
Nicholl, W. T.
Hogan, W. B.
Purdy, W. A.
Ruggles, H.
Hays, H.
McFadden, W.
Rice, C. R.
Benson, G. W.
Benson, A.
Benson, J.
Waugh, G. A.
Anthony, R. J.
Quigley, P.
Hogan, J. P.

## KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R.S. Established Jan. 1852. Also No. 3, R.N.S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. Quiglay.....*W. M.*
J. A. Smith.....*S. W.*
D. H. Burbidge.....*J. W.*
W. McNally.....*T.*
J. W. Heckman.....*Sec'y.*
F. Waters.....*S. D.*
H. Ogilvie.....*J. D.*
T. W. Arthur.....*M.*
C. F. F. Schoppe.....*S. S.*
T. Perrin.....*J. S.*
J. M. Taylor.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. K. Munnis.
J. T. Wood.
W. McNally.
D. M. Hazel.
W. P. Lowe.
W. H. Havill.
J. N. Lindsay.
D. F. Douglas.
J. B. Norton.
J. W. Crawford.
J. W. Heckman, G. P.

MASTER MASONS.

Allen, A. W.
Archibald, A. K.
Blakley, J. H.
Davis, T.
Eaton, H. W.
Gough, G. B.
Graham, P. D.
Hillier, I.
Larder, L. H.
Lynch, W.
Mitchell, D.
Moody, W.
Matson, G.
Messervey, W. J.
McLellan, G.
McGilvery, W.
McDonald, A.
Philp, J. H.
Ring, G.
Robertson, J. D.
Smith, E,
Soper, W. H,
Simmons, J.
Withel, C.
Wright, E. W.
Wood, G. A. F.

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## UNION LODGE, No. 18.

HALIFAX.

Formerly 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. G. D. Scotland.....*W. M.*
W. T. Bailey.....*S. W.*
C. T. Dixon.....*J. W.*
P. E. McKerrow.....*T.*
J. Jackson.....*Sec'y.*
W. Jones.....*S. D.*
J. Flint.....*J. D.*
W. B. Thomas.....*I. G.*
D. Lee.....*S. S.*
D. Skinner.....*J. S.*
J. M. Taylor.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. T. Davis.
P. E. McKerrow.
W. B. Thomas.
C. E. Bracket.
B. N. Davis.
C. F. Biddle.
W. J. Chearnley.

MASTER MASONS.

Sampson, W. H.
Whalen, W.
Duporte, W. H. T.
Cooper, C.
Bovells, B.
Edgell, J.
Martin, J. H.
Knight, J. S.
Small, S. A.
James, A.
Williams, T.
Sweeny, J. A.
French, J. L.
Ewing, T. J.
Johnson, J. W.
Morris, J.
Brown, G. W.
Latimer, G.
McDonald, T.
Thornhill, H.
White, R.
Arthurs, T.
Symons, N.
Francis, A. D.
Bushinpin, P.

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## ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 19.

### NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also, No. 18. R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. Proctor ..... *W. M.*
Rev. D. McMillan ..... *S. W.*
J. Vooght ..... *J. W.*
D. McKay ..... *T.*
G. F. M. Forbes ..... *Sec'y.*
N. Martell ..... *S.D.*
R. McLearn ..... *J. D.*
T. E. McDonald ..... *I. G.*
M. McLean ..... *S. S.*
R. Musgrave ..... *J. S.*
D. Scott ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. H. Christie.
W. Purves.
J. Vooght.
D. McKay.
N. Martell.
D. Lawlor.
J. N. Armstrong.
J. F. Forbes.

MASTER MASONS:

Forbes, A. R.
Forbes, W.
McDonald, J. D.
Moore, W. H.
Noel, J.
McGinnis, A.
Bown, T. S.
Copeland, W. S.
Horne, W.
Nisbet, J.
Armstrong, T. A,
McKenzie, A.

Moore, J. B.
Robertson, C.
Robertson, W. A.
Nisbet, A.
McLavty, D.
Nisbet, P. R.
Morrison, D.
McKenzie, D. J.
Ivey, G.
Shepherd, R.
Archibald, W. H.
Melvin, I.
Howatson, J.
McCuish, J.
Morgan, J. J.
Robinson. G.
McCuish, N.
Munro, J.
Peppett, J. W.
Burgess, J. T.
Gordon, J. W.
Cleveland, F. H.
Scott, G.
Brown, G. B.
Buffett, B.
Wilson, R.
Ingraham, G. B.
Ross, J. G.
McDonald, J.

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## SI. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFVILLE, KING'S CO.

Formerly 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

A. S. MURRAY ..... *W. M.*
S. R. SLEEP ..... *S. W.*
J. COCHRAN ..... *J. W.*
J. W. COLDWELL ..... *T.*
J. B. DAVISON ..... *Sec'y.*
G. H. WALLACE ..... *S. D.*
H. ROBINSON ..... *J. D.*
E. P. ARMSTRONG ..... *M.*
M. PICK ..... *S. S.*
J. D. CHAMBERS ..... *J. S.*
W. C. BLACKADER ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Bigelow.
E. P. Armstrong.
E. N. Payzant.
G. H. Wallace.
J. W. Coldwell.
J. B. Davison.

MASTER MASONS :

Hardwick, W.
Barss, A. K.
Coldwell, P.
Reid, D. D.
Mellish, I. M.
Smith, J. H.
DeWolf, F. K.
Eagles, J. C.
Elderkin, J. A.
McDonald, J. S.
Harris, L. E.
Lockhart, J. S.
Hemmeon, J. B.

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## DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

### HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's, No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

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## KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

### STELLARTON.

Formerly No. 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered, June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. H. McKay ..... *W. M.*
I. E. Thurlow ..... *S. W.*
J. W. Coghill ..... *J. W.*
J. McQuarrie..... ..... *T.*
J. Fraser ..... *Sec'y.*
G. Cray ..... *S. D.*
W. G. Miller ..... *J. D.*
A. McDonald ..... *M.*
J. Cumming ..... *S. S.*
W. Sutherland..... *J. S.*
K. McDonald..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Maxwell.
L. Johnstone, P. D. G. M.
J. McQuarrie.
J. D. Ross.
R. Nevin.
Rev. D. C. Moore, P. D. G. M.
W. MacKenzie.
A. B. Gray.
J. Denoon.
J. R. Green.
G. A. Ward.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, A.
Brewis, T.
Bain, A.
Corbett, J. R.
Cullen, W.
Charlton, E.
Dickson, C. W.
Fraser, R. P.
Fraser, P. A.
Fraser, W.
Fleming, H.
Falconer, J. F.
Gray, J. A.
Green, J. R.
Grant, A. G.
Grant, A. G.
Holmes, C.
Hudson, J. G. S.
Keith. Daniel.
Martin, M.
McIntosh, J.
McLean, J.
McKay, D. R.
McLean, R.
McIntosh, R.
McKay, J. H.
Wier, J.
McKay, J. R.
McMullin, P.
McKenzie, W. G.
Purvis, A.
Murray, R. R.
Ross, W.
Robertson, D. D.
Ross, P.
Smith, J.
Stuart, C. R.
Sproull, W. Y.
Wentworth, J.
Webster, M. C.

## CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Also, No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. P. Trefry ..... *W. M.*
P. Kenney ..... *S. W.*
J. C. Cunningham ..... *J. W.*
J. C. Atkinson ..... *T.*
B. F. Covell ..... *Sec'y.*
Z. H. Newell ..... *S. D.*
C. Nickerson ..... *J. D.*
S. Nichereon ..... *M.*
L. Kenney ..... *S. S.*
T. N. Nickerson ..... *J. S.*
A. Kenney ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Smith.
B. G. Covell.
A. K. Smith.
B. F. Covell.

MASTER MASONS:

Nickerson, J. L.
Covert, T. W.
Newell, J. C.
McKinnon, R.
Lyons, U.
Lyons, J. H.
Malone, J.
Goodwin, A. J.

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## WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY CO.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

## WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No, 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

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| E. D. Shand | *W. M.* | W. M. Dimock | *S. D.* |
| J. W. Sharp | *S. W.* | J. P, Smith | *J D.* |
| J. G. Allison. | *J. W.* | J. McNeil | *I. G.* |
| D. Davis | *T.* | J. A. Webb | *S. S.* |
| H. W. Dimock | *Sec'y.* | B. Berford | *J. S.* |

J. Coon ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

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| Lieut.-Col. James Poyntz. | J. B. Black. |
| W. W. Rickards. | H. W. Dimock. |
| F. W. Dakin, P. G. W. | A. Blanchard. |
| C. W. Dimock. | J. R. Cowen. |

A. S. Sanford.

MASTER MASONS :

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| McDonald, T. | Miller, R. | Caudle, W. |
| Kilcup, H. | Fraser, J. R. | Carmichael, J. |
| Martin, J. | Lunn, W. | Card, J. N. |
| Smith, T. B. | McIntosh, D. | Chute, C. |
| Gould, B. L. | Campbell, J. W. | Harvie, J. W. |
| Brown, J. | Harte, J. H. | Ritchie, G. W. |
| Beckman, F. W. | Armstrong, S. | West, C. |
| Payzant, C. W. | Smith, D. | O'Brien. R. |
| Sterling, R. M. | Bennett, L. K. | Wier, W. |
| Browne, J. | Burgess, F. N. | Lelacheur, M. |
| Cochran, T. W. | Burgess, J. G. | Sanford, A. |
| Timlin, T. H. | Armstrong, J. | Cochran, C. P. |
| Smith, G. W. | McPhail, D. | Haley, A. |
| Cochran, H. | Caldwell, T. | Card, J. |
| Pattison, G. | Malcom, T. | Bradshaw. G. W. |
| Woods, G. | Gutzman, A. Von. | Mosher, J. D. |
| Kilcup, J. W. | Dill, J. W. | Fuller, A. |
| Wiggins, G. C. | Harvey, G. | Mosher, D. |

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## WIDOWS' FRIEND LODGE, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, 1874.

## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. H. PARMETER ..... *W. M.*
G. B. VAUGHAN ..... *S. W.*
C. B. DICKIE ..... *J. W.*
A. B. BAXTER ..... *T.*
E. J. LOOMER ..... *Sec'y.*
P. BROWN ..... *S. D.*
J. BEAZLEY ..... *J. D.*
J. WEST ..... *I. G.*
P. M. BRECHIN ..... *S. S.*
V. GREEN ..... *J. S.*
C. E. LOCKWOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie.
H. A. Borden.
F. W. Borden, M. D.
A. B. Baxter.
J. H. Palmeter.
G. B. Vaughan.
P. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Clay, H. P.
Sandford, W. M.
Huntley, D. R.
Harris, R. D. G.
Baxter, W. H.
Newcomb, C. L.
Roscoe, W. E.
Reed, W. D.
Woolaver, C.
Canady, J. W.
Parker, W. F.
Coffin, D. H.
Warner, L. B.
Potter, A.
Baxter, A. E.
Breckin, W. P.
Sandford, G.
Sedman. G.
Ells. J. E.

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## PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. TUPPER ..... *W. M.*
G. H. BELL ..... *S. W.*
G. A. HEMEON ..... *J. W.*
R. FREEMAN ..... *T.*
N. C. FREEMAN ..... *Sec'y.*
I. P. FREEMAN ..... *S. D.*
J. WENTZELL ..... *J. D.*
J. PARSONS ..... *I. G.*
H. C. TUPPER ..... *S. S.*
A. FORCE ..... *J. S.*
R. KEMPTON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

N. R. Freeman.
H. B. Hallett.
E. M. Freeman.
Z. Freeman.
G. A. Cleaveland,
I. P. Freeman.

MASTER MASONS:

Scoby, J.
Buchanan, G. W.
Freeman, S.
Holmes, H. C.
Bartling, J. C.
Freeman, J. M.
Murray, A.
Kempton, P.
Force, L.
Armstrong, E.
Etherington, J.
Haughn, J.
Force, L. S.
Ryan, J.
Hemeon, W.
Force, R. C.
Force, W.
Wentzell, J. N.
Freeman, E. H.
Freeman, J. N.
Sterns, R.
Kempton, S. T.
Morton, J.
Morton, A. H.
Farquhar, W. H.
Middlemas, C.
Douglas, M.
Harlow, J. H.
Murray, S.
Davis, M.
McKay, N.
Farquahar, D.
Chute, S.
Smith, R.
Patterson, J. A.
Huskins, A.
Knowles, J. H.
Cogswell, A. J.
Moony, D. T.

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## ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

### SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also, No. 6. R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866,

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. C. McKay ..... *W. M.*
G. K. Hines ..... *S. W.*
E. A. Bower ..... *J. W.*
J. McGill ..... *T.*
R. A. Bruce ..... *Sec'y*
W. Frith ..... *S. D.*
G. E. Downie ..... *J. D.*
T. E. Ryer ..... *I. G.*
J. Bethune ..... *S. S.*
J. W. Johnstone ..... *J. S.*
W. G. Swansburg ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

N. W. White.
J. Bower.

MASTER MASONS:

Thompson, J.
McLean, W.
McKay, L.
Kean, W.
Thorborne, J.
McKay, W. K.
Downie, W. M.
Downie, G. L.
Morrison, D.
Firth, U.
Crocheron, J.
McKay, D.
Locke, S.
Corbett, A.
McLean, A. C.
Harding, A. C.
Houghton, T.
White, C.
Firth, A.
Purney, T.

## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also, No. 17, R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

G. M. Dane ..... *W. M.*
W. H. Leonard ..... *S. W.*
H. A. Hulseman ..... *J. W.*
G. S. Taylor ..... *T.*
T. B. Flint ..... *Sec'y.*
E. Allen ..... *S. D.*
C. D. Allen ..... *J. D.*
C. D. Godfrey ..... *M.*
A. B. Crosby ..... *S. S.*
F. J. Potter ..... *J. S.*
H. Phipps ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Johnson.
F. A. Baily.
S. H. Pelton, P. G. W.
T. R. Jolly.
T. B. Flint.
A. J. Cann.
G. S. Taylor.
J. L. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Dodds, C.
Doane. G. B.
McGill, O.
Pendrigh, W.
Anderson, J. C.
Doane, B.
Kelly, R. K.
Rowe, W. C.
Cain, W. A.
Riddle, G. W.
Gardner, R.
Carey, C.
Kelly, R. P.
VanNorden, A. M.
Morton, G. J.
Gayton, A.
Burrill, W. G. J.
Patterson, C.
Strickland, N. C.
Robbins, C. S. P.
Perny, H. A.
Patten, J. F.
Shreve, Rev. R.
Kinney, J. R.
Eakins, C. E.
Harris, P. T.

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## ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.

### WINE HARBOUR, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also. No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. Rood ..... *W. M.*
A. C. Stewart ..... *S. W.*
R. Reid ..... *J. W.*
R. Rood ..... *T.*
J. McConnell ..... *Sec'y.*
D. A. McKay ..... *S. D.*
J. Smith ..... *J. D.*
J. H. Rood ..... *M.*
R. Hewitt ..... *S. S.*
W. McConnell ..... *J. S.*
H. Rood ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Clerke.
R. Rood.
J. C. Sims.
A. C. Stewart.
J. Ballantyne
W. May.
J. McConnell.

MASTER MASONS:

McQuarry, D.
Stewart, R.
Wright, R.
Hewitt, J. S.
Robar, J.
Suttis, J. H.
McCutchin, H.
Crooks, J.
Jack, J.
Cony, E.

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## ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, NO. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. S. Ruggles ..... *W. M.*
G. B. Harris ..... *S. W.*
J. McDormand ..... *J. W.*
W. J. Shannon ..... *T.*
I. D. Harris ..... *Sec'y.*
A. Fullerton ..... *S. D.*
J. P. Lynch ..... *J. D.*
E. F. Beeler ..... *I. G.*
F. W. Hatheway ..... *S. S.*
W. Ditmars ..... *J. S.*
T. Devers ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Whitman, (Hon. Member.)
A. Robinson.
R. L. Hardwick.
R. Harris.
A. B. Cunningham.
S. Hall.

MASTER MASONS:

Owen, J. M.
O'Dell, C.
Wells, G., Sen'r.
LeCain, G.
Munroe, A. D.
Ditmars, F. J.
Potter, S.
Gates, J. H.
Healy, J. H.
Clark, J.
Iram, H.
Logan, N.
Harris, C, E.
Dargie, C. B.
Wells, G., Jun'r.
Mills, G.
McKennie, A. J.
Harris, E. A.
Nickerson, B.
Dargie, T. A.
Ritchie, J.
Chute, H. E.
McConnell, R.
Shearer, A.
Nicholl, A. A.
Virgie, A. G.
Gillis, H. E.
Sommerville, A.
Robinson, P.

## QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

### SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also, No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

J. W. McDaniel ..... ....*W. M.*
A. McDonald .....*S. W.*
J. S. Cameron.....*J. W.*
W. Murdoch.....*T.*
W. D. R. Cameron.....*Sec'y.*
D. Dechman.....*S. D.*
G. W. Manson .....*J. D.*
J. D. McDonald .....*M.*
J. A. Stewart.....*S. S.*
W. H. McDaniel.....*J. S.*
W. H. McDonald.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. McDaniel.
A. K. White.
J. A. Stewart.
A. Fisher.
J. A. Fraser.
J. Cameron.
W. D. R. Cameron.
J. H. McDonald.
J. D. McDonald.
J. C. Archibald.
R. McLeod.
W. H. McDonald.

MASTER MASONS :

McKenzie, A. D.
McMillan, D.
McDonald, A. G.
McLane, H. C.
Purdy, G.
Hewitt, Z. H.
Harding, D.
McPherson, W.
McQuarrie, N.
Tate, J.
Dickson, J.
Robertson, H.
Hemlow, J.
Gunn, W.
McKeen, W., Sr.
Manson, A.
Cameron, D.
Cumminger, J.
Smith, A. F.
MacGowen, M.
McKinnon, A.
Hattie, A.
Hattie, W. C.
Ireland, A.
McLane, W. B.
Turner, J.
McCutcheon, J.
Shiers, J. F.
Moser, G. H.
Hattie, D.
Hewitt, J.
McIntosh, E.
Hall, S. T.
Cameron, D. H.
Pye, F.
Clarke, W. E.
Kirk, J. A.
Cameron, A.
McQuarry, A.
McIntosh, D. H.
Hollis, T.
McIntosh, J. W.
Painter, W. L.
Clark, W.
Smith, J. W.
McDonald, J. G.
Chisholm, J. A.
Murdoch, W. J.
Cameron, A.
Suttis, R. W.
Hewitt, W. A.
Pye, W. E.
Hudson, S.
Sinclair, H. S.
McIntosh, J. W.
Hemlow, H.
Tate, T. A.

## ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also, No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

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| H. A. Foyle.....*W. M.* | J. L. Bethune.....*S. D.* |
| D. J. McRae.....*S. W.* | L. McLeod.....*J. D.* |
| A. S. McDonald.....*J. W.* | H. McAuley.....*I. G.* |
| R. Elmsley.....*T.* | W. H. Watson.....*S. S.* |
| D. F. McRae.....*Sec'y.* | J. Anderson.....*J. S.* |

A. J. McKay.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

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| C. N. Campbell. | D. F. McRae. |
| W. Kidston. | S. G. A. McKeen. |
| D. Dunlap. | L. G. Campbell. |
| J. L. Rice. | D. McDonald. |

MASTER MASONS :

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| Cain, W. | McLeod, M. | Atwater, S. |
| Jones, C. R. | McLean, A. | McDonald, Dr. C. |
| Sparling, L. | McKenzie, M. | Williams, T. |
| McLeod, A. | McRae, P. | McLeod, J. D. |
| Watson, R. | Ross, W. | Hawley, W. |
| Marshall, J. K. | Gibbons, Rev. S. | McKenzie, A |
| McDonald, J. C. | McPherson, G. | McLeod, J. C. |
| McRae, C. | McDonald, J. A. | |

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## THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

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| A. L. Anderson.....*W. M.* | D. McViccar.....*S. D.* |
| D. McKenzie.....*S. W.* | A. Ferguson.....*J. D.* |
| J. McAulay.....*J. W.* | J. D. Bolin.....*M.* |
| W. Clark.....*T.* | M. McKinnon.....*S. S.* |
| S. A. Spencer.....*Sec'y.* | A. McViccar.....*J. S.* |

N. L. Quistt.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Campbell.
D. McKenzie.
A. L. Anderson.
S. A. Spence
W. Clark
J. Baird.
A. McAulay.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, R. D.
Johnston, T.
Bolin, J.
McKenzie, R.
McDonald, A.
McViccar, R.
Dillon, J. A.
McKenzie, J. A.
McKinnon, D.
Martell, W. J.
Anderson, A., Sr.
McLennan, M. C.
McDonald, R.
Orr, J.
Smith, L.
Lewis, N.
McDonald, W. H.
Martin, A.
McDonald, D.

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## COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

TRURO.

Charter surrendered March 31, 1881.

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## THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. A. Adams ..... *W. M.*
G. H. Jost ..... *S. W.*
W. Bannister ..... *J. W.*
H. A. Taylor ..... *T.*
R. B. Wilch ..... *Sec'y.*
J. C. Puttner ..... *S. D.*
W. Collins ..... *J. S.*
W. H. Johnson ..... *M.*
J. C. Mackey ..... *S. S.*
T. Forhan ..... *J. S.*
J. M. Taylor ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.
T. A. Cossmann, P. D. G. M.
E. W. Howell.
W. F. Chase.
J. W. Howell.
L. F. Darling, P. G. W., G. L.
J. R. Foster.
M. T. Foster.
W. V. Murray.
J. W. Longley.
C. E. Davison.

MASTER MASONS:

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| Healy, T. P. | Manley, A. J. | Burrows, G. E. |
| Dryden, W. T. | Miller, J. L. | Salter, W. H. |
| Levy, M. | Gibson, W. H. | Cook, T. D. |
| Hamilton, J. E. | Hawkins, C. A. | Sweet, T. M. |
| Caldwell, J. W. | Michaels, A. L. | Graham, F. |
| Macdonald, J. R. | Neily, J. B. | Elsdaile, J. P. |
| McLeod, W. A. | Millissin, E. | Webster, H. |
| Riches, J. | McLarren, P. | Salsman, J. |
| Adams, A. | Higgens, J. M. | Laidlaw, J. B. |
| McRae, P. | Irwin, G. | Renwick, J. R. |
| Fenton, E. J. | Greig, C. | Shearer, G. |
| Bristowe, J. | Wilder, W. | Flick, J. C. |
| Wells, W. F. | Stuart, D. C. | Taylor, W. A. |
| Graham, W. | Russell, F. W. | Harvey, C. T. |
| Brockley, A. W. | Nelson, A. | Blois, F. A. |
| Fielding, W. S. | Pickering, W. F. | Smith, J. F. |

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## ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E, Established 1866. Also, No. 20, R. N. S Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

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## OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED SEPTEMBER, 1870.

## ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E. Established October, 1865.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. Morse.....*W. M.*
D. M. Foster.....*S. W.*
R. H. Chipman.....*J. W.*
E. Bent.....*T.*
Starratt.....*Sec'y.*
W. M. Forsyth.....*S. D.*
J. Pigott.....*J. D.*
W. E. Starratt.....*I. G.*
P. Nicholson.....*S. S.*
J. Longmire.....*J. S.*
D. Palfrey.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Rev. H. D. deBlois, G. C.
J. L. Cox.
W. E. Starratt, S. G. W.
S. K. Morse.
J. Foster.
B. Starratt.
R. C. Starratt.
L. G. deBlois.

MASTER MASONS :

Chesley, F. W.
Murdock, J.
Chesley, F. N.
Elliot, A.
Parker, J. G. H.
Cornwall, C. B.
Rumsey, N.
Bath, R.
Snow, E.
Chesley, R.
Murdock, J. P.
McLean, J.
Cameron, A. D.
Lockett, J. A.
Reed, J. B.
Brooks, J. F.

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## EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

SHEET HARBOUR, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. Hall.....*W. M.*
W. Lowe.....*S. W.*
W. Routledge.....*J. W.*
H. Dunn.....*T.*
T. A. Baker.....*Sec'y.*
R. Martin.....*S. D.*
R. Hall.....*J. D.*
D. Geddes.....*M.*
R. Henry.....*S. S.*
J. McG. Cruickshank.....*J. S.*
W. Hall.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. W. Archibald.
T. A. Baker.
A. Cruikshank.
W. Routledge.

MASTER MASONS :

Smith, S.
Dixon, H.
Smith, G.
Lindsay, J. A.
Hall, A.
Belmore, E. H.
Parker, A.
Hogan, J. P.
Hamilton, G.
Leslie, G. A.
Hall, J. W.
Hall, S.
McCarty, J.
McCarty, P. P.
MacQuarrie, S.
Ashton, M.
Mitchell, W.
Drake, D.
Cruickshank, J.
Cruickshank, J. W.
Hall, N.
Whitman, J. H.
Hartling, J.
MacLeod, E.
Balcam, S.
Lowe, J.
MacMillan, F.
MacDonald, M.
Leslie, E.
Parker, J.
Ashten, L.
Graham, D.
Balcam, H. J.
Whitman, L.
Boutilier, W. F.
Watt, G. T.
Jasey, R. D.
Leslie, G. A.
Jasey, G. H.
Dann, G.
Abriel, W.
Conrod, J.
Balcam, S.
Tupper, W.
Malag, J. A.
Balcam, R.
MacQuarrie, D.
Hall, H.
Geddes, D.
Hall, R.
Irwin, R. S.
McKenzie, W. J.
Ryan, A.
Dunlop, E. W.

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## TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. C. McKenzie.....*W. M.*
C. M. Dawson.....*S. W.*
J. P. McDonald.....*J. W.*
S. J. Waddell.....*T.*
C. F. W. Bell.....*Sec'y.*
R. H. Currie.....*S. D.*
W. D McCallum.....*J. D.*
H. T. Lawrence.....*M.*
R. A. Douglass.....*S. S.*
H. Cock.....*J. S.*
R. Cumming.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. McCallum.
A. C. Page, P. D. G. M.
L. J. Crowe.
W. M. Blair.
G. P. Nelson.
H. T. Lawrence.
L. B. Archibald.
W. E. Logan.
D. A. Fraser.
G. Hyde.

MASTER MASONS:

Caffrey, J.
Miller, J. W.
Blair, J. A.
Pitblado, J. McD.
Clish, G.
McDowell, J.
Holmes, D.
Smith, T. B.
White, F. C.
Archibald, P. McG.
Smith, G. W.
Clark, T.
McLeod, G.
Dimock, W. D.
Little, J.
Watson, J. W.
McKay, J. W.
Yuill, H.
Smith, M.
Archibald, J. A.
Paterson, P. A.
Layton, G. B.
Richardson, W.
Yuill, D.
Burris, N.
McDonald, R.
Creelman, H.
Yuill, H. W.
McLeod, G.
Archibald, C. S.
Davison, F. A.
McDonald, J. W.
Buchanan, S.
Irving, J. R.
Blair, J. K.

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## POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

### HANTSPORT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. J. MARGESON ..... *W. M.*
J. W. LAWRENCE ..... *S. W.*
D. E. NORTH ..... *J. W.*
D. T. FAULKNER ..... *T.*
T. G. SUTHERLAND ..... *Sec'y.*
W. SUTHERLAND ..... *S. D.*
E. DALTON ..... *J. D.*
W. E. BLIGH ..... *I. G.*
J. ANDREWS ..... *S. S.*
N. LAYTON ..... *J. S.*
W. A. PORTER ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Porter.
J. W. Lawrence.
W. E. Bligh.
C. J. Margeson.
W. Sutherland.
Rev. E. Whitman.

MASTER MASONS:

Davison, A.
Andrews, J.
Davison, W.
Hunter, J. H.
Fielding, C. N.
Clare, C.
Bligh, W. E.
Coalfleet, G. M.
Barker, G. E.
Toye, W.
Newcomb, A.
Lawrence, A.
North, J. B.
Shaw, R.
Patton, E.
Brown, F. A.
Michener, S. H.
Davison, C. S.
Martin, M. H.
Whitman, E.
Geitzler, C.
Smith, J. T.

## TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

J. R. Blackett ..... *W. M.*
R. McNeil ..... *S. W.*
J. B. Phillips ..... *J. W.*
A. McPherson ..... *T.*
D. McAulay ..... *Sec'y.*
D. McVicar ..... *S. D.*
J. Adamson ..... *J. D.*
W. McKay ..... *M.*
W. McLennan ..... *S. S.*
W. Campbell ..... *J. S.*
J. Wilton ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. G. McKay, M. D.
W. A. McKeen.
A. McPherson.
J. H. D. Gray.
W. McKay, M. D.
D. McVicar.
W. McLay.
J. C. Mitchell.
W. Campbell.
A. McQuarrie.

MASTER MASONS:

McKenzie, D. H.
Hillier, J. J.
McKenzie, P.
McDonald, D.
McAulay, N.
Brown, W.
McMillan, D.
McKiegan, A.
Bert, F. A.
Ferguson, J.
Lewis, F.
Blackett, C. W.
McKenzie, N.
Routledge, T.
McPherson, N.
Forbes, J. A.

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## SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, CAPE BRETON.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

## PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December, 11, 1868.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

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## WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. McKay ..... *W. M.*
A. Morrison ..... *S. W.*
J. R. Hyatt ..... *J. W.*
H. N. Fillmore ..... *T.*
R. C. Black ..... *Sec'y.*
W. W. Colburn ..... *S. D.*
T. Harrison ..... *J. D.*
H. Mooring ..... *M.*
J. C. Phillips ..... *S. S.*
T. S. Higgs ..... *J. S.*
F. W. Patton ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Powers.
R. L. Black.
J. C. Phillips.
I. W. Snow.
F. W. Patten.
W. W. Colburn.
H. N. Fillmore.

MASTER MASONS:

Vanamburgh, J.
McElmon, T.
Johnson, J. W.
Jackson, A.
Merkel, J. C.
Dimock, D. W.
McPherson, A.

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## ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.

## WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

R. Fraser.....*W. M.*
J. Gray .....*S. W.*
A. W. H. McLeod.....*J. W.*
J. Johnston.....*T.*
J. Reid.....*Sec'y.*
G. Saunders.....*S. D.*
J. Matheson .....*J. D.*
W. Lorimer, Jr.....*M.*
R. Conn.....*S. S.*
D. K. McDonald.....*J. S.*
J. Roy.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Roy.
T. Johnston.
Alexander Lorimer.
J. McNulty.
R. Gray.
W. Gray.
J. McDougald.
D. Carruthers.
J. Wilkes.
J. Roy.
G. Saunders.
A. W. McLeod.
D. Munro.
M. Connors.

MASTER MASONS :

Wilkes, J.
Roy, J. Sr.
Sullivan, C. L.
Morrison, N.
Lorimer, W. Sr.
White, R.
McDonald, R. A.
Crawford, J.
Duff, J. J.
McGillivary, A.
Murkland, W.
Rundle, W. W.
White, J.
Chappel, J.
Livingston, J.
Crawford, G.
Fraser, H.
Armstrong, D.
Wier, W.
Gendall, R.
Lorrimer, A.
Evans, J.
Gray, T.
Roy, W.
Hattie, A.
McLeod, D. D.
Stafford, W.
Conn, W.
Conn, J.
McKay, A.
Quick, J. C.
Walkers, E.
Sutherland, J. W.
McLellan, J. J.
Murray, D.
Oliver, D.
Glenn, A.
Brown, J.
Hamilton, W.
Kerr, P.
Redpath, J. B.
Beaton, N.
McDonald, D.
Crozier, J.
Harris, H.
Harris, J.
McLean, D.
Matheson, H.
McKay, A.
Cameron, H.
McDonald, W. C.
Dobson, T.
Munro, C. H.
Stewart, J.
Culton, S. A.
McGregor, D.
Oxenham, J.
McDonald, J. W.
McDonald, D. F.
Cameron, A.
McBain, A. W.
McDonald, A. F.
McDonald, J.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. WHITE ..... *W. M.*
J. H. AUSTEN ..... *S. W.*
H. H. HARRISON ..... *J. W.*
J. B. COLEMAN ..... *T.*
G. N. ROOME ..... *Sec'y.*
J. R. NICKERSON ..... *S. D.*
H. BROWN ..... *J. D.*
J. ROSS ..... *M.*
J. R. GLENDINNING ..... *S. S.*
C. CAMPBELL ..... *J. S.*
J. R. PATTERSON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. B. Coleman.
J. R. Glendinning.
J. W. Graham.
W. Pearce.
C. H. Gladwin.
G. A. Green.
J. Halliday, G. St.
A. McKay.
J. Simmonds.

MASTER MASONS:

Robertson, W.
Hosking, S.
McDonald, J.
Armstrong, J.
Gibson, E.
Goff, P.
Moland, P.
Treyagon, J.
Williams, W.
Lehan, R. N.
Hall, J. H.
Crook, A. T.
Hefler. L.
Baker, T. N.
Champion, J.
Moreash, T. E.
Thomas, R.
Marks, A.
McKay, A.
Cameron. H. G.
Richards, J.
Seaton, J. W.
McQuarrie, G.
Young, J. H.
Sterns, W. H.
Elliot, C. P.
Cunningham, N. F.
Coates, W.
Sterns, J. E.
Widdens, W. C.
Stevens, W. H.
Montague, G.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. H. EWING ..... *W. M.*
J. ANDREWS ..... *S. W.*
W. R. BENNETT ..... *J. W.*
T. H. HARRIS ..... *T.*
H. S. JACQUES ..... *Sec'y.*
N. MARGESON ..... *S. D.*
I. BEZANSON ..... *J. D.*
G. MCGREGOR ..... *M.*
A. C. VANBUSKIRK ..... *S. S.*
D. BARTEAUX ..... *J. S.*
R. E. DAVIDSON ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. Barteaux.
D. E. Davidson.
Rev. R. Avery, P. D G. M., G. C.
T. R. Harris, D. D. G. M.
H. E. Jefferson.
W. R. L. Foster.
A. C. VanBuskirk.
H. J. Chute.

MASTER MASONS.

Bennett, C. E.
Rockwell, J. G.
Sanford, G. W.
Turner, J.
McIntyre, W.
Mack, T. G.
Findley, H.
Smith, G.
Lee, A.
Shaffner, C. W.
Dodge, J. W.
Charlton, J. G.
Harris, J.
Brown, W.
Kirkpatrick, W.
Phinney, J. L.
Eaton, G. W.
McGregor, W.
Eaton, C. E.
Elliott, J. B.
Pelton, C.
Woodworth, A.
Dodge, S. J.
Bent, D.
Burns, A.
Cogswell, B.
Swindle, S.
Balcom, P. W.
Russel, W.
Davidson, R. E.
Harris, G.
Bezanson, B.
Roberts, R.
Gates, Rev. J.
Margeson, T.
Saunders, W. E.
Williamson, C.
Foster, M. C.
Chute, S. P.
Crocker, A.
Graves, E. F.
White, J. W.
Palmer, G.
Clark, F. A.

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## HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

### GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

N. McEachern ..... *W. M.*
A. Sinclair ..... *S. W.*
J. McLean ..... *J. W.*
M. Cameron ..... *T.*
J. Williams ..... *Sec'y.*
N. McLean ..... *S. D.*
J. W. Bright ..... *J. D.*
M. Sinclair ..... *M.*
J. Ross ..... *S. S.*
A. Williams ..... *J. S.*
D. Cameron ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

M. Cameron.
N. McLean.
M. Sinclair.

MASTER MASONS:

L. Hewitt.
T. A. McKeen.

## KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

R. G. Munroe ..... *W. M.*
R. C. Cann ..... *S. W.*
D. J. Longstaff ..... *J. W.*
J. Daley ..... *T.*
G. A. Viets ..... *Sec'y.*
J. F. Saunders ..... *S. D.*
J. M. Keen ..... *J. D.*
C. N. Darcy ..... *I. G.*
—— —— ..... *S. S.*
—— —— ..... *J. S.*
E. C. Dodge ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. B. Stewart.
J. Daley.
G. P. Burton.
T. C. Shreve.
G. A. Viets.
J. F. Saunders.

MASTER MASONS :

DeBalinhard, W. C.
Killey, C.
Cowen, J.
McLeod, J.
Saunders, W. H. H.
Beattie, S.
Saunders, J. H.
Johnson, H. A.
Everett, E.
Holdsworth, W. P.
Brown, J.
Barr, C. R.
Gilliland, J. E.

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## MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

F. R. Anthony ..... *W. M.*
A. Kennedy ..... *S. W.*
S. Carmichael ..... *J. W.*
D. McAulay ..... *T.*
L. G. Spencer ..... *Sec'y.*
J. D. Bissett ..... *S. D.*
S. E. Lanary ..... *J. D.*
H. Campbell ..... *M.*
S. E. Peters ..... *S. S.*
H. C. Williams ..... *J. S.*
J. McPhail ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

L. Johnstone, M. D.
C. Archibald.
A. Belloni.

MASTER MASONS.

Brown, W. W.
McAulay, M.
McRury, J.
Rees, G. L.
Rees, C. E.
McKeen, E. J
Dodd, M.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

### NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE CO.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

N. Swaine, Jr. ..... *M. W.*
L. Perry ..... *S. W.*
G. B. Swaine ..... *J. W.*
N. Swaine, Sr. ..... *T.*
G. H. Brunt ..... *Sec'y.*
H. C. Kelly ..... *S. D.*
R. McLean ..... *J. D.*
H. Swaine ..... *I. G.*
S. D. Densmore ..... *S. S.*
Z. Nickerson ..... *J. S.*
A. McLean ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

N. Swaine.
S. H. Greenwood.
G. H. Brunt.

MASTER MASONS :

Hagar, T.
Perry, A.
Perry, A. H.
Perry, A. M.
Perry, G. L.
Swaine, S.
Greenwood, C.
Greenwood, E.
Nickerson, H.

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## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

### PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. J. Crittenden ..... *W. M.*
C. A. Crittenden ..... *S. W.*
A. Reeves ..... *J. W.*
J. Peeples ..... *T.*
A. H. McDonald ..... *Sec'y.*
J. Fraser ..... *S. D.*
W. McKay ..... *J. D.*
—— ——— ..... *M.*
—— ——— ..... *S. S.*
—— ——— ..... *J. S.*
J. McKay ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. Murray. W. H. Wylde.
J. Fraser.

MASTER MASONS:

Hadley, G. B. Vigneau, E. Rewes, J. F.
McLean, M. Ferguson, T.

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## KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

J. E. Mulloney ..... *W. M.* W. P. Eaton ..... *S. D.*
W. J. Ross ..... *S. W.* W. L. Bishop ..... *J. D.*
S. Killam ..... *J. W.* L. DeV. Chipman ..... *I. G.*
H. W. Lydiard ..... *T.* E. Griffin ..... *S. S.*
H. A. Prat ..... *Sec'y.* T. W. Cox ..... *J. S.*
P. Smith ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. Shaw, P. G. W. L. DeV. Chipman.
G. R. Sangster. W. Grierson.
J. P. Chipman. C. F. Cochrane, J. G. D.
R. S. Masters. W. H. Chipman.
W. M. Carruthers.

MASTER MASONS:

Smith, T. T. V. Lockwood, G. S. Webster, B.
Adams, A. F. Wallace, D. Woodworth, D. B.
Edwards, J. Garrett, H. Campbell, R. G.
Wiggins, G. C. Chipman, R. Blanchard, G. F.
Harrington, W. Wood, A. Chipman, F. W.
Manning, H. Davidson, D. D. Borden, R. L.
Webster, H. B. Forsyth, G. McLeod, J. S.

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## MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

Consolidated with Albion Lodge, No. 5, August 27, 1881.

## LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG CO.

Charter surrendered June, 1874.

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## CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

CHESTER, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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|---|---|---|---|
| A. J. Hiltz | *W. M.* | W. Smith | S. D. |
| W. Lavers | *S. W.* | C. Millett | *J. D.* |
| W. Church | *J. W.* | T. Gormand | *M.* |
| C. Lovett | *T.* | H. Cole | *S. S.* |
| D. Evans | *Sec'y.* | C. Bond | *J. S* |

A. Evans ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. D. Clarke, P. G. W. W. Lavers.
W. Smith.

MASTER MASONS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Windrow, G. H. | Johnson, R. | Vaughan, G. |
| Vaughan, W. | Hubley, J. | Pierce, B. |
| Lantz, W. | Hubley, H. | Corkum, D. |
| Millett, A. | Graves, C. | Spencer, W. |
| Stanford, H. | Fader, A. J. | Smith, E. C. |

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## TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. M. Spencer.....*W. M.*
A. Fountain .....*S. W.*
Rev. T. B. Layton .....*J. W.*
R. McLeod .....*T.*
M. Cooke .....*Sec'y.*
G. Goodwin .....*S. D.*
C. L Nelson.....*J. D.*
J. A. Hill .....*I. G.*
A. Flemming .....*S. S.*
G. Leavitt .....*J. S.*
W. A. McCabe.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. Peppard, M. D.
S. Lindsay.
G. Leavitt.
A. Flemming.
D. F. Layton.
J. A. Hill.

MASTER MASONS:

Spencer, D. V.
Zwicker, G.
Lewis, G.
Caldwell, G. O.
McKenzie, T. F.
Spencer, J. M.
Purdy, I. W.
Mahon, J. A.
Armstrong, Rev. J. J.
Fletcher, R. P.
Peppard, J. G.
Webster, R.
Stephens, T.
Fulton, A. S. D.
Lewis, G. W.
Peppard, G. H.
Starratt, J. J.
McKenzie, H. F.
Corbett, A. D.
Crossman, J. A.
Morrison, J. B.
Corbett, H.
Smith, J. J.
Morrison, D. F.
Lewis, R.
Fraser, J. A.
McLean, G.
Morrill, H.
McLaughlin, S. A.

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## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

ARICHAT, CAPE BRETON.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. R. Thomson .....*W. M.*
G. J. Andrews .....*S. W.*
W. R. Cutler.....*J. W.*
E. E. Binet .....*T.*
P. Gruchy .....*Sec'y.*
P. Campbell .....*S. D.*
F. McPherson .....*J. D.*
J. V. Shaw.....*M.*
W. LeVesconte.....*S. S.*
P. Bosdet.....*J. S.*
A. McDonald.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. R. Cutler.
J. G. Clough.
P. Campbell.
G. J. Andrew.

MASTER MASONS:

Fixott, H. C.
Rindress, J. H.
Gruchy, P. W.
Murphy, M. J.
Finlayson, D.
Morrison, J.
Fixott, H. J.
Kuster, J.
McKay, J. D.
McKenzie, P. S.
McCuish, A. J.

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## FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Charter forfeited by resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1879.

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## SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

N. McAulay ..... ....*W. M.*
J. D. Smith..... ....*S. W.*
A. A. Monro .....*J. W.*
P. A. McLean ..... ...*T.*
J. McPhail .....*Sec'y.*
H. McDonald .....*S. D.*
T. Austen ..... .....*J. D.*
H. McLean..... .....*I. G.*
E. Swaine .....*S. S.*
A. McQueen .... .....*J. S.*
J. N. McDonald.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

P. A. McLean.
L. J. Hart.
G. McKenzie.

MASTER MASONS:

McIntosh, J.
McAskill, K.
McPhail, A.
Hart, J. S.
McDonald, W.
McIver, M.
McLean, N.
McLennan, K.
McKinnon, D.
McAulay, J.
Cameron, D. J.
McKenzie, J. W.
McKay, D.
Hawley, A.
McIver, J.
Chisholm, A.
McQuinn, D. J.
McLennan, D.
McAuley, M.
McDonald, H. N.

## MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

### PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. Cole ..... *W. M.*
J. Layton ..... *S. W.*
R. Livingstone ..... *J. W.*
W. J. Gibson ..... *T.*
W. D. McKenzie ..... *Sec'y.*
W. W. Cunnabell ..... *S. D.*
J. E. Dean ..... *J. D.*
H. Boles ..... *I. G.*
R. Huntley ..... *S. S.*
S. Jenks ..... *J. S.*
A. Townshend ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

A. S. Townshend, M. D.
W. J. Gibson.
W. D. McKenzie.
J. Balcam.
J. L. Corbett.

MASTER MASONS :

Smith, D. A.
Jones, W. F.
Howard, C.
Theal, W. Y.
Roberts, V. B.
Robinson, W.
Hatfield, C.
Crane, J.
Hatfield, J.
Knowlton, S.
Morris, L.
Young, B.
Durant, W. F.
Hatfield, A. F.
Bowman, C.
Tucker, R. E.
Davison, A.
Davison, J.
Townshend, W. H.

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## CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

### HOPEWELL, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. H. McLean ..... *W. M.*
D. McLeod ..... *S. W.*
D. Fraser ..... *J. W.*
A. Ormiston ..... *T.*
H. Gray ..... *Sec'y.*
J. F. McDonald ..... *S. D.*
A. McLean ..... *J. D.*
D. Fraser ..... *M.*
T. McDonald ..... *S. S.*
A. Grant ..... *J. S.*
T. H. Munro ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. F. McDonald, M. D., D. D. G. M.
D. Fraser.
T. McDonald.
A. Ormiston.
A. McN. Grant.
D. Fraser.

PAST MASTERS:

Fraser, J.
Nelson, J.
Gray, F.
Fraser, I.
McIntosh, J.
McLean, H.
Grant, P. J.
McQuarrie, C.
Dunbar, J. M.
McDonald, D.
Creelman, W. A.
McIntosh, A. D.
McKay, T.
McLeod, T.
McDonald, P.
Fraser, A.
Kendrick, H. B.

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## CHARITY LODGE, No. 69.

### MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG CO.

Dispensation granted December 22, 1874. Chartered June, 1876.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

Z. M. Heyson ..... *W. M.*
J. M. Ruhland ..... *S. W.*
J. Holman ..... *J. W.*
C. Gray ..... *T.*
J. Hamm ..... *Sec'y.*
J. W. West ..... *S. D.*
J. W. Mills ..... *J. D.*
E. B. Heyson ..... *I. G.*
S. Burgoyne ..... *S. S.*
N. Hiltz ..... *J. S.*
J. Reeves ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

S. Burgoyne.
J. W. West.
C. Gray, M. D.
J. W. Mills.

MASTER MASONS:

Ernst, C. H.
Hiltz, J.
Andrews, J.
Strum, E.
Zwicker, R. G.
Nichols, T. Y.
Zwicker, C. A.
Nicol, T. G.
McDonald, D. S.
Strum, L.
Dauphinee, S.
Wentzell, J.
Hiltz, E.
Wentzell, J.
Heyson, A.
Powers, J. M.
Wade, W. B.
Ham, B.
Slaughnwhite, G. A
Winthers, J. A.

## LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.

SPRING HILL, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

H. SWIFT ..... *W. M.*
R. H. COOPER ..... *S. W.*
S. D. FRASER ..... *J. W.*
J. J. FRASER ..... *T.*
J. B. MCDONALD ..... *Sec'y.*
A. J. MUNROE ..... *S. D.*
C. HEWSON ..... *J. D.*
J. W. SEETON ..... *I. G.*
S. FRASER ..... *S. S.*
M. MORRISON ..... *J. S.*
H. RILEY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Cove, M. D.
H. Swift.
S. D. Fraser.
A. J. Munroe.
C. B. Hewson.

MASTER MASONS :

Cameron, A.
McDonald, D.
Southerland, H.
Riley, J. C.
Bent, E. A.
Ross, H. S.
Conway, W.
Stewart, A. E.
Morrison, M.
Ryan, W. T.
Ross, D. S.
Fraser, W.
McKay, A.

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## GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.

NEW CALEDONIA, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. K. WINCHESTER ..... *W. M.*
G. CALNECK ..... *S. W.*
A. L. BATH ..... *J. W.*
W. ARMSTRONG ..... *T.*
W. WILLETT ..... *Sec'y.*
W. A. GRAY ..... *S. D.*
E. R. WILLETT ..... *J. D.*
A. D. MILLS ..... *I. G.*
J. CLARKE ..... *S. S.*
H. M. IRVINE ..... *J. S.*
E. BOGART ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Willett.
W. Armstrong.
A. W. Bohaker.
A. D. Mills.

MASTER MASONS:

Greatorix, F. P.
Harris, D.
Mills, J. B.
McCormick, C.
Troop, W. B.
Parker, W. A.
Bath, J.
Shafner, G.
Wade, A. W.
Pigott, W. A.
Covert, W.
Walker, J. W.

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## EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.

### GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

OFFICERS:

L. E. Hart.....*W. M.*
E. C. Peart.....*S. W.*
G. Y. Grant.....*J. W.*
G. W. Scott.....*T.*
A. J. O. Maguire.....*Sec'y.*
M. C. Scott.....*S. D.*
W. Whitman.....*J. D.*
C. J. Atwater.....*I. G.*
D. Graham.....*S. S.*
R. H. Morrison.....*J. S.*
J. J. Sangster.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. A. Tremain.
G. W. Scott.
A. J. Maguire.
W. S. Peart.
A. Walsh.
J. S. Hutcheson.
M. C. Scott.

MASTER MASONS:

Atwater, S. J.
Wilson, J.
Marshall, C. J.
Atwater, J. J.
Hull, J.
Fenn, S. H.
Feltmate, O. N.
Dickenson, S. S.
Brown, W. J.
Peart, W. H.
Kerby, J. W.
Scott, G. F.
Myris, W. D.
Roberts, T. C.
Webber, W. G.
Sutherland, J.
Hughes, R. J.
Whitman, J.
Nash, W. W.
Williams, D. J.
Brynon, R. W.

## IONIC LODGE, No. 73.

### LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. FEINDEL.....*W. M.*
N. G. CHARLTON.....*S. W.*
W. W. DODGE.....*J. W.*
D. WHITMAN.....*T.*
T. R. ILSLEY.....*Sec'y.*
W. FITZ RANDOLPH.....*S. D.*
A. P. DODGE.....*J. D.*
J. H. CHARLTON.....*M.*
E. J. MILLER.....*S. S.*
N. H. PHINNEY.....*J. S.*
W. ROACH.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

F. Leavitt.
W. Roach.
T. R. Ilsley.

MASTER MASONS :

Fennety, M.
Wilkens, A.
Whitman, W. J.
Whitman, I. L.
Merry W. H.
Weaver, J. H.
Bowlbey, I.
Reign, F.
Armstrong, G.
Marshall, A.
Weaver, R. D.
Stone, A. W.
Woodbury, J.
Parkes, A.
Gee, Rev. J.
Stephenson, A.
Smith, J. H.
Barteaux, A.
Robbins, Rev. J. H.
Parkes, H.

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## NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.

### ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. MCDONALD.....*W. M.*
REV. J. A. LOGAN.....*S. W.*
T. E. ATKINS.....*J. W.*
D. FERGUSON.....*Sec'y*
M. DOCHERTY.....*T.*
J. FORMAN.....*S. D.*
J. URQUHART.....*J. D.*
J. EZAH.....*M.*
W. SMITH.....*S. S.*
T. DAV.....*J. S.*
W. DAVIS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

I. D. Cooke.
J. Kerr, M. D.
R. Forman.
J. Bryant.
A. Dewar.

MASTER MASONS.

Thomas, B.
Hazelhurst, A.
Phillips, D.
Bryant, N.
Daniels, W.
Fruscott, J.
Nelson, R.
Ralston, J. G.
Davey, J.
Cocks, J. H.
Hoskins, S.
Stephens, T.
McKinnon, A.
Brown, R.
Langdon, R.
Rutherford, T.
Stephens, R. C. R.
Redmond, J. D.
Stevens, J. B.
Choak, R.
Spencer, J. C.
Hutchinson, W.
Yuill, S. B.
McLennan, H. B.
Cockell. J.
Jones, S.

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## WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.

### OXFORD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Dispensation granted October 19, 1877. Chartered June 6, 1878.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. H. Patten.....*W. M.*
C. C. Schurman.....*S. W.*
W. Dunsmore.....*J. W.*
J. Robb.....*T.*
H. S. Smith.....*Sec'y.*
W. Smith.....*S. D.*
H. Treen.....*J. D.*
G. L. Purdy.....*I. G.*
—— ——.....*S. S.*
—— ——.....*J. S.*
A. B. Colburn.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

I. J. Hingley.
W. Oxley.
H. S. Smith.
J. Robb.
A. B. Colburn.

MASTER MASONS :

Wood, J. W.
Hendley, J.
McDougall, J. C.
McIntosh, A. S.
Thompson, A. B.
Salter, J. K.
McIntosh, H.
Archibald, E.
Matheson, J.
Reid, J. C.
Dowling, C. W.
McCulloch, J. W.
Doyle, J.
Treen, J. H.

## WALLACE LODGE, No. 76.

### WALLACE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Dispensation October 24, 1879. Chartered June 2, 1880.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. A. Seaman | *W. M.* | J. H. Lantz | *S. D.* |
| Z. A. Mackay | *S. W.* | P. R. Peers | *J. D* |
| F. Battye | *J. W.* | R. Blair | *I. G.* |
| J. T. Chambers | *T.* | J. A. Stevens | *S. S.* |
| J. M. Baillie | *Sec'y.* | G. Battye | *J. S.* |

J. T. Campbell ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. L. McKim. J. D. Monro.
A. M. Peers.

MASTER MASONS :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Archibald, A. | Bent, W. W. | Harrison, E. |
| Wood, D. | Cooper, G. C. | Dotten, A. B. C. |
| Kent, G. L. | Crawford, H. B. | Macnab, H. |
| Nicholson, M. | Ross, J. W. | Steele, J. A. |
| Harrison, W. | Heustis, S. O. | McLennan, B. |

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## HUDSON LODGE, No. 77.

### VALE COLLIERY, PICTOU COUNTY.

Dispensation May 15, 1881. Chartered June 7, 1882.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. Sleigh | *W. M.* | D. Cameron | *S. D.* |
| H. McKinnon | *S. W.* | W. Wier | *J. D.* |
| A. McKinnon | *J. W.* | G. McQuarrie | *I. G.* |
| J. Greener | *T.* | A. Reid | *S. S.* |
| R. Murray | *Sec'y.* | N. Campbell | *J. S.* |

M. McMillen ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Greener. D. Cameron.

MASTER MASONS :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| McPherson, E. | Turnbull, T. W. | Chapman, A. |
| McDonald, R. | Appleton, G. M. | |

# MASONIC DISTRICTS.

## FIRST DISTRICT.

*R. W.* J. W. RUHLAND, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's | 1 | Halifax. |
| St. John's | 2 | " |
| Virgin | 3 | " |
| Royal Sussex | 6 | " |
| Burns | 10 | " |
| Acadia | 14 | " |
| Athole | 15 | " |
| Keith | 17 | " |
| Union | 18 | " |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 38 | " |
| Eastern Star | 51 | Dartmouth. |
| Eureka | 42 | Sheet Harbor. |

## SECOND DISTRICT.

*R. W.* T. B. CROSBY, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Westport | 25 | Brier Island. |
| Hiram | 12 | Yarmouth. |
| Scotia | 31 | " |
| Albert | 30 | Shelburne. |
| Concord | 24 | Cape Island. |
| Harmony | 56 | North East Harbor. |
| Taylor | 62 | Lockeport. |
| Zetland | 9 | Liverpool. |
| Prince of Wales | 29 | Milton. |
| Unity | 4 | Lunenburg. |
| Acacia | 39 | Bridgewater. |
| Clarke | 61 | Chester. |
| Charity | 69 | Mahone Bay. |

## THIRD DISTRICT.

*R. W.* T. R. HARRIS, Aylesford, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Keith | 16 | Hillsburg. |
| King Solomon | 54 | Digby. |
| Annapolis | 33 | Annapolis. |
| Rothsay | 41 | Bridgetown. |
| Harmony | 52 | Aylesford. |
| Kentville | 58 | Kentville. |
| Scotia | 28 | Canning. |
| St. George's | 20 | Wolfville. |
| Poyntz | 44 | Hantsport. |
| Welsford | 26 | Windsor. |
| Granville | 71 | New Caledonia. |
| Ionic | 73 | Lawrencetown. |

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*R. W.* J. F. McDONALD, Hopewell, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Acacia | 8 | Amherst. |
| Acadia | 13 | Pugwash. |
| Widow's Son | 48 | River Philip. |
| Truro | 43 | Truro. |
| Corinthian | 63 | Great Village. |
| New Caledonia | 11 | Pictou. |
| Albion | 5 | New Glasgow. |
| Keith | 23 | Albion Mines. |
| Western Star | 50 | Westville. |
| El Dorado | 32 | Wine Harbor. |
| Queen's | 34 | Sherbrooke. |
| Hiram | 53 | Goldenville. |
| Minas | 67 | Parrsborough. |
| Curren | 68 | Hopewell. |
| Laurie | 70 | Springhill. |
| North Star | 74 | Acadia Iron Mines. |
| Wimburn | 75 | Oxford. |
| Wallace | 76 | Wallace. |
| Hudson | 77 | Vale Colliery. |

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## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*R. W.* A. D. McGILLVARY, Sydney, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Temple | 57 | Port Mulgrave. |
| St. Mark's | 35 | Baddeck. |
| St. Andrew's | 7 | Sydney. |
| Royal Albert | 19 | " |
| Thistle | 36 | Cow Bay. |
| Tyrian Youth | 45 | Little Glace Bay. |
| Morien | 55 | Cow Bay. |
| Solomon | 46 | Port Hawkesbury. |
| Richmond | 64 | Arichat. |
| Sircom | 66 | Whycocomagh. |
| Eastern Light | 72 | Guysborough. |

# SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

Albion, No. 5—May 1, 1883.....J. McDearmid.
Royal Sussex, No. 6—Mar. 1, 1883.....G. McKenzie.
" " " .....J. Allen.
" " " .....W. S. Graham.
" " " .....D. A. Keating.
" " " .....T. Lawson.
" " " .....R. Ogilvie.
Zetland, No. 9—May 24, 1883.....J. O. McLearn.
" " .....W. Gallihew.
" " .....J. P. Mitchell.
" " .....J. G. Bezanson.
" " .....J. B. Geldert.
Burns, No. 10—Dec. 1882.....E. S. Allen.
" " .....A. Gunn.
Hiram, No. 12—May, 1883.....A. Kinney.
" " .....A. F. Goudy.
" " .....A. W. Drysdale.
Union, No. 18—Mar. 19, 1883.....S. F. Roan.
" " .....C. F. Skeete.
" " .....J. Stewart.
" " .....J. Skinner.
" " .....J. Hamilton.
" " .....W. H. Goler.
Royal Albert, No. 19—April 16, 1883.....S. L. Purves.
" " " .....J. Bonnar.
" " " .....D. Johnston.
" " " .....A. C. Ross.
Keith, No. 23—May 10, 1882.....R. Thompson.
Albert, No. 30—April 11, 1883.....R. Hines.
" " .....T. Dall.
Scotia, No. 31—May 8, 1882.....H. A. Parr.
" " .....J. W. Olive.
" " .....L. D. Kelly.
" " .....W. McLeod.
" " .....J. P. Crosby.
" " .....A. M. Perry.
" " .....C. Gould.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33—May 2, 1883.....E. Purdy.
" " " .....J. Lindgren.
St. Mark's, No. 35—Mar. 15, 1883.....D. Smith.
" " " .....C. Robertson.
" " " .....J. C. Cohoon.

Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38—March 9, 1883.....G. G. Maclachlan.
" " " .....F. A. Smith.
Rothsay, No. 41—May 3, 1883 .....D. Wade.
" " .....H. W. Messenger.
" " .....C. S. Marshall.
" " .....J. O. Marshall.
Western Star, No. 50—April 24, 1883 .....J. E. Jones.
" " " .....J. Wilkes, Senr.
" " " .....H. B. Redpath.
" " " .....H. Rice.
" " " .....D. B. Graham.
Eastern Star, No. 51—May 8, 1883 .....C. Marks.
" " " .....M. V. Roche.
Morien, No. 55.....I. Archibald.
Harmony, No. 56—March 5, 1883 .....R. McKenny.
" " " .....E. Hagar.
Richmond, No. 64—May 4, 1883.....J. R. Smith.
" " .....J. D. Matheson.
Minas, No. 67—Jan. 15, 1883 .....R. Watson.
Curren, No. 68—May 14, 1883.....T. McDonald.
" " .....D. A. McDonald.
" " .....A. McDonald.
" " .....J. R. McDonald.
" " .....F. A. McDonald.
" " .....A. Fraser.
" " .....J. Livingstone.
North Star, No. 74—May, 1883 .....J. Williams.
" " " .....H. R. Harvey.

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## REINSTATED.

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Albion, No. 5—July 4, 1882 .....John A. Fanning.
" Mar. 21, 1883 .....James R. McKay.
New Caledonia, No. 11—Jan. 20, 1883 .....Daniel McIntosh.
Hiram, No. 12—Dec. 4, 1882.....Donald Ross, Junr.
" April, 1883 .....Nathaniel B. Gardner.
Acadia, No. 13—Aug. 2, 1882 .....Joseph Jones.
Keith, No. 17—Aug. 10, 1882 .....A. K. Archibald.
Welsford, No 26—Dec. 27, 1882 .....Andrew Fuller.
Scotia, No. 28—Sep. 6, 1882 .....Benjamin Green.
Scotia, No. 31—Jan. 8, 1883 .....Henry W. Crowell.
Widow's Son, No. 48—July, 1882.....John C. Meikel.
Western Star, No. 50—Aug. 22, 1882 .....Josiah Oxenham.
" Jan. 23, 1883 .....James W. McDonald.
Eastern Star, No. 51—May 9, 1882 .....George N. Roome.
Harmony, No. 52—June 5, 1882 .....Sylvanus Swindle.
" May 7, 1883 .....Wm. McIntyre.

Morien, No. 55—Sep. 4, 1882 ..... A. C. McLellan.
" Feb. 5, 1883 ..... A. Kennedy.
Harmony, No. 56—Feb. 5, 1883 ..... Henry Nickerson.
Temple, No. 57—April 16, 1883 ..... James H. Carr.
Corinthian, No. 63—May 10, 1883 ..... S. A. McLaughlan.

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## MISSING.

Acacia, No. 8 ..... William McKenzie.
New Caledonia, No. 11 ..... Charles H. McLeod.
" " ..... Wm. Seaward.
" " ..... Charles Ott.
Acadia, No. 13 ..... J. W. Wilson.
" ..... Robert W. Kinmore.
" ..... Henry P. Angus.
Union, No. 18 ..... John A. Johnson.
Royal Albert, No. 19 ..... Donald A. McDonald.
" " ..... John W. Dodd.
" " ..... Prosper Garcien.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33 ..... William Pitman.
Queen's, No. 34 ..... Rev. Charles Burn.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38 ..... H. B. Sanford.
" " ..... G. Johnson.
" " ..... J. R. Hewitt.
Eureka, No. 42 ..... Thomas Reynolds.
" ..... George Heughen.
" ..... George O. Robinson.
Tyrian Youth, No. 45 ..... William McLay.
" " ..... John McKinnon.
" " ..... John McLeod.
Western Star, No. 50 ..... Thomas C. Hillgrove.
Harmony, No. 52 ..... C. G. Fraser.
" ..... D. McKay.
Hiram, No. 53 ..... James H. McLean.
" ..... William Polson.
" ..... Alex. McLean.
" ..... John Williams, Junr.
" ..... Hugh Cameron.
" ..... James Walker.
" ..... Angus McPherson.
Kentville, No. 58 ..... John L Murdock.
Clarke, No. 61 ..... Rev. Andrew Merkle.
Curren, No. 68 ..... Thomas Cameron.
" ..... Wm. Alexander.
Granville, No. 71 ..... Reed Blair.
" ..... Avard More.
" ..... Thomas Croker.
Wallace, No. 76 ..... Thomas S. Paterson.
" ..... Albert S. Dodson.

# AT REST.

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| James Jackson. | St. John's, No. 2 | Died Apr. 10. |
| Charles Cox | Virgin, No. 3. | Died Feb. —, 1883. |
| Alex. W. Holmes | Albion, No. 5 | Died July 27, 1882. |
| John F. W. McDonald | " " | Died Aug. 30, 1882. |
| Seward Dodd | St. Andrew's, No. 7. | Died May 11, 1883. |
| Angus McLeod | Acacia, No. 8 | Died ———— |
| Philip Gallant | Zetland, No. 9 | Died ———— |
| Frederick Smith | " " | Died ———— |
| John Mosher | Burns, No. 10 | Died Sep. —, 1882. |
| Charles F. Thomas | " " | Died May —, 1882. |
| Amos Crosby | Hiram, No. 12 | Died Jan. 22, 1883. |
| Joseph Jones | Acadia, No. 13 | Died Sept. 1, 1882. |
| Thomas H. Harris | Keith, No. 16. | Died Nov. 7, 1882. |
| John H. Holt | Keith, No. 17. | Died June 7, 1882. |
| Benj. Reid | Union, No. 18 | Died ———— |
| W. J. S. Garner | " " | Died Jan. —, 1883. |
| Robert Gentle | Royal Albert, No. 19 | Died Nov. 14, 1882. |
| James G. Patriquin | St. George's, No. 20. | Died Dec. 5, 1882. |
| Daniel McKay | Eldorado, No. 32. | Died Nov. —, 1882. |
| Samuel T. Archibald | Queen's, No. 34 | Died Jan. 15, 1883. |
| Edwin B. Baird | Truro, No. 43 | Died Feb. 26, 1883. |
| Robert D. Griffin | Morien, No. 55 | Died ———— |
| Charles F. Clarke | Clarke, No. 61 | Died Oct. 20, 1882. |
| Edward Vickery | Minas, No. 67 | Died Feb. 3, 1883. |
| William Canham | " " | Died Dec. 18, 1882. |
| Charles C. Hadley | Eastern Light, No. 72 | Died Oct. —, 1883. |
| J. W. Tomlinson | Ionic, No. 73 | Died Feb. 21, 1883. |
| Thomas McDonald | Hudson, No. 77 | Died Mar. 7, 1882. |
| Alex. W. McBain | " " | Died Feb. 9, 1883. |

# RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 7TH, 1883.

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| Chartered Lodges | 66 |
| Lodges failing to make returns at the Annual Communication | 4 |
| Whole Number Initiated | 218 |
| " " Passed | 195 |
| " " Raised | 192 |
| " " Affiliated | 40 |
| " " Dimitted | 113 |
| " " Died | 29 |
| " " Missing | 41 |
| " " Suspended for unmasonic conduct | 0 |
| " " Suspended for nonpayment of dues | 65 |
| " " Reinstated | 23 |
| " " Rejected | 30 |
| " " Master Masons in Lodges reporting | 2801 |

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## Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.

*Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's, (Halifax),
St. John's,
Virgin,
Unity,
Albion,
Royal Sussex,
St. Andrew's, (Sydney),
Zetland,
New Caledonia,
Hiram,
Acadia,
Keith, (Hillsburg),
Union,
St. George's.
Keith, (Albion Mines),
Westport,
Welsford,
Widow's Friend,
Scotia, (Canning),
Prince of Wales,
Annapolis Royal,
Thistle,
Cobequid,
Tyrian Youth,
Rothsay.

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns,
Athole,
Keith,
Scotia, (Halifax),
Davies,
Albert,
Concord,
St. Mark's,
Queen's,
The Lodge of St. Mark,
Eureka,
Acacia,
Truro,
Eldorado,
Scotia, (Yarmouth),
Royal Albert,
Solomon,
Acacia,
Poyntz,
Widow's Son,
Orient,
Western Star,
Philadelphia,
Eastern Star,
Harmony.

*Registry of Scotland.*

Athole.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Missing. | Suspended—unmasonic conduct. | Suspended—non-payment of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge Dues. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Andrew's | Halifax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | $48 00 |
| 2 | St. John's | Halifax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 31 50 |
| 3 | Virgin | Halifax | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 60 00 |
| 4 | Unity | Lunenburg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 31 50 |
| 5 | Albion | New Glasgow | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 103 | 77 25 |
| 6 | Royal Sussex | Halifax | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 7 | St. Andrew's | Sydney | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 46 50 |
| 8 | Acacia | Amherst | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 48 00 |
| 9 | Zetland | Liverpool | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 39 75 |
| 10 | Burns | Halifax. | 10 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 109 | 81 75 |
| 11 | New Caledonia | Pictou | 12 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 121 | 90 75 |
| 12 | Hiram | Yarmouth | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 52 | 39 00 |
| 13 | Acadia | Pugwash | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 15 75 |
| 14 | Acadia | Halifax | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 51 | 38 25 |
| 15 | Athole | Halifax | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 37 50 |
| 16 | Keith | Bear River | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 39 75 |
| 17 | Keith | Halifax. | 10 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 33 75 |
| 18 | Union | Halifax | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 00 |
| 19 | Royal Albert | Sydney | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 57 | 42 75 |
| 20 | St. George's | Wolfville | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 19 50 |
| 23 | Keith | Albion Mines | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 61 | 44 75 |
| 24 | Concord | Cape Island | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 16 50 |

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.—(Continued.)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | Westport | Westport | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 26 | Welsford | Windsor | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 73 | $54 75 |
| 28 | Scotia | Canning | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 29 | Prince of Wales | Milton | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 41 25 |
| 30 | Albert | Shelburne | 4 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 31 | Scotia | Yarmouth | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 32 | Eldorado | Wine Harbor | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | ..... |
| 33 | Annapolis Royal | Annapolis | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 34 50 |
| 34 | Queen's | Sherbrooke | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 56 25 |
| 35 | St. Mark's | Baddeck, C. B. | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 30 75 |
| 36 | Thistle | Cow Bay, C. B. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark | Halifax. | 11 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 69 | 51 75 |
| 39 | Acacia | Bridgewater. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 41 | Rothsay | Bridgetown | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 42 | Eureka | Sheet Harbor | 6 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 67 | 50 25 |
| 43 | Truro | Truro | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 41 25 |
| 44 | Poyntz | Hantsport | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 45 | Tyrian Youth | Little Glace Bay | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 22 50 |
| 46 | Solomon | Port Hawkesbury | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 48 | Widow's Son | River Philip | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 15 00 |
| 50 | Western Star | Westville | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 86 | 64 50 |
| 51 | Eastern Star | Dartmouth | 12 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 36 75 |
| 52 | Harmony | Aylesford | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 60 | 45 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | Hiram | Goldenville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | $ 9 75 |
| 54 | King Solomon | Digby | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 18 75 |
| 55 | Morien | Cow Bay, C. B. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 15 75 |
| 56 | Harmony | North East Harbor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 15 75 |
| 57 | Temple | Port Mulgrave | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 11 25 |
| 58 | Kentville | Kentville | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30 00 |
| 61 | Clarke | Chester | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 20 25 |
| 62 | Taylor | Lockeport | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... |
| 63 | Corinthian | Londonderry | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 64 | Richmond | Arichat, C. B. | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17 25 |
| 66 | Sircom | Whycocomagh, C. B. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 24 75 |
| 67 | Minas | Parrsborough | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 24 00 |
| 68 | Curren | Hopewell | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 21 00 |
| 69 | Charity | Mahone Bay | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 23 25 |
| 70 | Laurie | Spring Hill | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 18 00 |
| 71 | Granville | New Caledonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 18 00 |
| 72 | Eastern Light | Guysborough | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 27 00 |
| 73 | Ionic | Lawrencetown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 24 00 |
| 74 | North Star | Acadia Mines, Londonderry. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 32 25 |
| 75 | Wimburn | Oxford | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 18 75 |
| 76 | Wallace | Wallace | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 21 75 |
| 77 | Hudson | Vale Colliery | 9 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 12 00 |
| | | | 218 | 195 | 192 | 40 | 113 | 29 | 41 | 0 | 65 | 23 | 30 | 2801 | |

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| Illinois | W. William Floto | |
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| Kentucky | W. G. D. Buckner | |
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| California | M. W. Stephen R. Sircom | |
| Colorado | R. W. Nathan Tupper, M. D. | Amherst. |
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| Idaho | R. W. William A. Hesson | Halifax. |
| Illinois | R. W. T. A. Cossmann | Halifax. |
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| Kansas | W. D. G. McKay | Little Glace Bay. |
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| Louisiana | W. J. Taylor Wood | Halifax. |
| Maine | R. W. Lorenzo F. Darling | Halifax. |
| Maryland | R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore | Stellarton. |
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| Rhode Island | R. W. Sandford H. Pelton | Yarmouth. |
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| " " Costa Rica | M. W. William Taylor | Halifax. |

## Date of Organization and Meeting of Grand Lodges.

| GRAND LODGES. | WHEN ORGANIZED. | ANNUAL COMMUNICATION. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | June 14, 1821 | First Monday in December. |
| Arizona | March 25, 1882 | Second Tuesday in November. |
| Arkansas | Feb. 22, 1832 | Fourth Monday in November. |
| British Columbia | Dec. 26, 1871 | Third Saturday in June. |
| California | April, 18, 1850 | Second Tuesday in October. |
| Canada | October 10, 1855 | Second Wednesday in July. |
| Colorado | Aug. 2, 1861 | Third Tuesday in September. |
| Colon and Cuba | | |
| Connecticut | July 8, 1789 | Third Wednesday in January. |
| Dakota | July 21, 1875 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| Delaware | June 6, 1806 | First Wednesday in October. |
| District of Columbia | Dec. 11, 1810 | Second Wednesday in November. |
| Florida | July 5, 1830 | Third Tuesday in January. |
| Georgia | Dec. 16, 1786 | Fourth Tuesday in October. |
| Idaho | Dec. 16, 1867 | Second Tuesday in September. |
| Illinois | | First Tuesday in October. |
| Indiana | Jan. 12, 1818 | Tuesday after Fourth Mon. in May. |
| Indian Territory | Oct. 5, 1874 | First Tuesday in November. |
| Iowa | Jan. 8, 1844 | First Tuesday in June. |
| Kansas | Mar. 17, 1856 | Third Wednesday in February. |
| Kentucky | Oct. 1800 | Third Tuesday in October. |
| Louisiana | July, 1812 | Second Monday in February. |
| Maine | June, 1820 | First Tuesday in May. |
| Manitoba | May 12, 1875 | February. |
| Maryland | 1783 | Third Tuesday in November. |
| Massachusetts | 1733 | Second Wednesday in December. |
| Michigan | Sept. 14, 1844 | Fourth Tuesday in January. |
| Minnesota | Feb. 23, 1853 | Second Tuesday in January. |
| Mississippi | July 27, 1818 | Second Wednesday in February. |
| Missouri | 1821 | Second Tuesday in October. |
| Montana | Jan. 24, 1866 | First Tuesday in October. |
| Nebraska | Sep. 23, 1857 | Tues. on or im. preceding 24th June. |
| Nevada | Jan. 16, 1865 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| New Brunswick | Oct. 9, 1867 | Fourth Tuesday in April. |
| New Hampshire | July 18, 1789 | Third Wednesday in May. |
| New Jersey | Dec. 18, 1786 | Wed. after third Tues. in Jan. |
| New Mexico | Aug. 6, 1877 | Second Tuesday in December. |
| New York | Sep. 5, 1781 | First Tuesday in June. |
| North Carolina | Jan. 14, 1771 | First Tuesday in December. |
| Nova Scotia | Feb. 20, 1866 | First Wednesday in June. |
| Oregon | Aug. 16, 1851 | Second Monday in June. |
| Ohio | Jan. 7, 1808 | Third Tuesday in October. |
| Pennsylvania | June 20, 1764 | 27th day of December. |
| Prince Edward Island | June 24, 1875 | 24th day of June. |
| Quebec | Oct. 20, 1869 | January. |
| Rhode Island | June 25, 1791 | Third Monday in May. |
| South Carolina | Mar. 24, 1787 | Second Tuesday in December. |
| Tennessee | Oct. 14, 1813 | Last Tuesday in January. |
| Texas | Dec. 20, 1837 | Second Thursday in December. |
| Utah | Jan. 16, 1872 | Third Tuesday in January. |
| Vermont | Oct. 14, 1794 | Second Wednesday in June. |
| Virginia | May 6, 1777 | Second Monday in December. |
| Washington | Dec. 9, 1858 | First Wednesday in June. |
| West Virginia | April 19, 1865 | Second Tuesday in November. |
| Wisconsin | Dec. 18, 1843 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| Wyoming | Dec. 15, 1874 | Second Tuesday in November. |

# Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

| Grand Lodges. | Grand Masters. | Grand Secretaries. |
|---|---|---|
| England | H. R. H. The Prince of Wales | Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, London. |
| Scotland | Rt. Hon. The Earl of Mar & Kellie. | D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh. |
| Ireland | His Grace, Duke of Abercorn, K.G. | Sam'l B. Oldham, D. G. S., Dublin. |
| Alabama | R. W. Cobb, Montgomery | Daniel Sayre, Montgomery. |
| Arizona | J. T. Alsop, Phœnix | George J. Roskruge, Tucson. |
| Arkansas | L. H Roots, Little Rock | Fay Hempstead, Little Rock. |
| British Columbia | H. Brown, Victoria | Edgar C. Baker, Victoria. |
| California | C. W. Taylor, Shasta | Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco. |
| Canada | D. Spry, Barrie | J. J. Mason, Hamilton. |
| Colorado | F. Church, Denver | Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown. |
| Connecticut | F. H. Waldron, New Haven | Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford. |
| Colon and Cuba | Antonio Govin, Havana | Aurelio Almeida, Havana. |
| Dakota | O. S. Gifford, Canton | Charles T. McCoy, Bon Homme. |
| Delaware | J. F. Saulsbury, Dover | William S. Hays, Wilmington. |
| District of Columbia | E. H. Chamberlin, Washington | William R. Singleton, Washington. |
| Florida | Z. H. Mason, Apopka | DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville. |
| Georgia | J. I. Wright, Rome | J. Emmett, Blackshear, Macon. |
| Idaho | L. F. Cartee, Boise city | James H. Wickersham, Silver City. |
| Illinois | D. M. Browning, Benton | Loyal L. Munn, Freeport. |
| Indian Territory | H. Lindsey, Eufaula | James S. Murrow, Atoka. |
| Indiana | B. Carr, Indianapolis | William H. Smythe, Indianapolis. |
| Iowa | G. B. Van Saun, Cedar Falls | Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa city. |
| Kansas | G. S. Green, Manhattan | John H. Brown, Wyandotte. |
| Kentucky | G. D. Buckner, M. D., Lexington. | Hiram Bassett, Millersburg. |
| Louisiana | J. L. Lobdell, Lobdell's P. O. | Jas. C. Batchelor, M.D., New Orleans. |
| Maine | W. R. G. Estes, Skownegan | Ira Berry, Portland. |
| Manitoba | J. H. Bell, Winnipeg | H. duPri LeCappellain, Winnipeg. |
| Maryland | J. S. Tyson, Baltimore | Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts | S. C. Lawrence, Boston | Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston. |
| Michigan | C. F. R. Bellows, Ypsilanti | William P. Innes, Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota | C. H. Benton, Minneapolis | A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | P. M. Savery, Baidwyn | J. L. Power, Jackson. |
| Missouri | Rev. C. C. Woods, D.D., Kansas city | Rev. J. D. Vincil, D. D., St. Louis. |
| Montana | A. J. Davidson, Helena | Cornelius Hedges, Helena. |
| Nebraska | E. F. Warren, Nebraska city | William R. Bowen, Omaha. |
| Nevada | A. Nicholls, Austin | John D. Hammond, Carson City. |
| New Brunswick | W. F. Bunting, St. John | Edwin J Wetmore, St. John. |
| New Hampshire | J. F. Webster, Concord | George P. Cleaves, Concord. |
| New Jersey | Rev. H. Vehslage, Irvington | Joseph H. Hough, Trenton. |
| New Mexico | J. B. Wootten, Las Vegas | David J. Miller, Santa Fé. |
| New York | J. E. Simmons, New York | Edw. M. L. Elhers, New York. |
| North Carolina | R. Bingham, Bingham School | Donald W. Bain, Raleigh. |
| Nova Scotia | Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie, Halifax. | Benjamin Curren, Halifax. |
| Ohio | C. C. Keifer, Urbana | John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati. |
| Oregon | W. T. Wright, Portland | Frelon J. Babcock, Salem. |
| Pennsylvania | C. B. Day, Philadelphia | Michael Nisbet, Philadelphia. |
| Prince Edw'd Island. | John Yeo, Port Hill | Geo W. Waterford, Charlottetown. |
| Quebec | E. R. Johnson, Stanstead | John H. Isaacson, Montreal. |
| Rhode Island | L. Klapp, Providence | Edwin Baker, Providence. |
| South Carolina | J. D. Kennedy, Camden | Charles Inglesby, Charleston. |
| Tennessee | N. W. McConnell, Hartsville | John Frizzell, Nashville. |
| Texas | C. Stewart, Houston | George H. Bringhurst, Houston |
| Utah | P. H. Emerson, Ogden | Christopher Diehl, Saltlake City. |
| Vermont | L. C. Butler, Essex | William H. Root, Burlington. |
| Virginia | R. M. Page, Abingdon | William B. Isaacs, Richmond. |
| West Virginia | W. H. H. Flick, Martinsburg | Odell S. Long, Wheeling. |
| Washington Territ'y. | J. A. Kuhn, Port Townsend | Thomas M. Reed, Olympia. |
| Wisconsin | L. E. Reed, Ripon | John W. Laflin, Milwaukee. |
| Wyoming | J. K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne | John H. Symons, Laramie. |

## GRAND SECRETARIES ABROAD.

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|---|---|---|
| Sweden and Norway | D. E. Nordlange | Stockholm. |
| G. L. of Germany | E. T. P. Meyerhoff | Berlin. |
| G. L. Royal York | C. A. Bouche | Berlin. |
| G. L. Zu den drei Weltkugeln | H. Von Schweinichen | Berlin. |
| G. L. of Saxony | F. G. Stuebler | Dresden. |
| G. L. Zur Eintracht | H. Gessner | Darmstadt. |
| G. L. Zur Sonne | Ludwig A. Redlich | Bayreuth. |
| G. L. Eclectic Union | Carl Paul | Frankfort-on-Main. |
| G. L. New South Wales | Nicholas Weekes | Sydney. |

# LIST OF PAST GRAND OFFICERS

## IN 1883.

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### PAST GRAND MASTERS.

WILLIAM H. DAVIES.
STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.
J. WIMBURN LAURIE.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

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### PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

JAMES R. GRAHAM.
CHARLES J. MACDONALD.
ROBERT BRECKIN.
A. C. PAGE.
N. W. WHITE.
REV. R. AVERY.
ALFRED H. WOODILL.
JAMES HUDSON.
LEWIS JOHNSTONE.
THEODORE A. COSSMANN.
REV. D. C. MOORE.
REV. F. PARTRIDGE.

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### PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

JOHN WOODILL.
H. C. D. TWINING.
W. A. HESSON.
B. CURREN.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.
HENRY SHAW.
FRASER W. DAKIN.
JAMES GOSSIP.
E. E. TUPPER.
T. R. HARRIS.

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### PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY.
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.
DAVID POTTINGER.
REV. J. B. RICHARDSON.
J. F. McDONALD.
NATHAN TUPPER
S. H. PELTON.
L. F. DARLING.
SAMUEL PORTER.

## Executive Officers of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, from its organization in 1866, to the present year.

| Year. | GRAND MASTER. | DEP. GRAND MASTER. | SENIOR G. WARDEN. | JUNIOR G. WARDEN. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND SECRETARY. | SUBSTITUTE G. MASTER. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1866 | W. H. Davies. | W. Taylor. | R. J, Romans | W. Garvie. | A. K. Mackinlay. | C. J. Macdonald. | J. R. Graham. |
| 1867 | W. H. Davies. | S. R. Sircom | W. Williams | A. Busby | A. K. Mackinlay. | C. J. Macdonald. | R. Breckin. |
| 1868 | S. R. Sircom | A. C. Page | G. T. Smithers | I. Melvin | A. K. Mackinlay. | C. J. Macdonald. | N. W. White. |
| 1869 | A. Keith | J. R. Forman | J. N. Ritchie | H. J. Marshall | A. K. Mackinlay. | H. C. D. Twining | C. J. Macdonald. |
| 1870 | A. Keith | W. Taylor | A. H. Crowe | S. G. Rigby | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | (This office abolished |
| 1871 | A. Keith. | A. H. Crowe | S. G. Rigby | S. F. Raymond | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | in 1869.) |
| 1872 | A. Keith | S. G. Rigby | H. Shaw | W. T. Wilkins | A. K. Mackinlay. | B Curren | |
| 1873 | A. Keith | W. Taylor. | F. W. Dakin. | D. Pottinger | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1874 | J. W. Laurie | A. H. Crowe | Rev. R. Avery | Rev. J. B. Richardson. | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1875 | J. W. Laurie | A. H. Crowe | Rev. R. Avery | J. F. McDonald | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1876 | J. W. Laurie | A. H. Crowe | Rev. R. Avery | J. Hudson. | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1877 | J. W. Laurie | Rev. R. Avery | A. H. Woodill | J. Hudson. | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1878 | J. W. Laurie | A. H. Woodill | J. Gossip. | N. Tupper | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1879 | J. W. Laurie | J. Hudson. | A. G. McLean | E. E. Tupper | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1880 | A. H. Crowe | L. Johnstone | E. E. Tupper | S. H. Pelton | A. K. Mackinlay. | B. Curren | |
| 1881 | W. Taylor | T. A. Cossmann. | T. R. Harris | L. F. Darling. | J. Dempster | B. Curren | |
| 1882 | J. W. Laurie | Rev. D. C. Moore | D. C. Fraser | S. Porter | J. Dempster | B. Curren | |
| 1883 | J. W. Laurie | D. C. Fraser. | W. E. Starratt | W. Ross. | J. Dempster | B. Curren | |

# APPENDIX No. 1.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at .... ... ....., by the name and title of..... ..., and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz.:

A. B.....Worshipful Master.
C. D.....Senior Warden,
E. F.....Junior Warden.
G. H.....Treasurer.
M. N.....Secretary.
O. P.....Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....Junior Deacon.
S. T.....Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V.....} Stewards.
W. X.....}
Y. Z.....Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures *of all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

## No. 2.

FORM *of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge:*

We, the Master, Wardens and Members of the Lodge.....No.... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother.....Master Mason of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of.....

[Seal.] A. D. 1884, A. L. 5884.

..... .....Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary.

## No. 3.

## PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge No....., R. N. S:*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of.....Lodge, No....under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-Laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry, as admitted among you. My age is....years; my occupation is that of .....; my residence is.....

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D. 188..

(Signed,) .....

Recommended by
..... .....
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

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## No. 4.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge .....No.....R. N. S.*

I,....., being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission to this Lodge. I have been rejected in.....Lodge. I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is.....; my occupation.....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D. 188..

(Signed,) .....

Witness.....

Recommended by
..... .....
..... ... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

## No. 5.

### CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

.....Lodge No.....R. N. S.

DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother..... is a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in.....Lodge, No..... . Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at..... ; that having expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, in the manner prescribed by Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the.....
day of..... .....A. D., 188....A. L., 588..
..... .....Worshipful Master.
.....Senior Warden.
[Seal.] .....Secretary.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergency.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodges as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute books, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed by the Worshipful Master.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge *for the whole year;* therefore, if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Secretary should not write

4 Diplomas, &c., &c , &c.
4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c., as is frequently done, but
10 Diplomas, &c., &c.
10 Enrolments, &c., &c.

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *Supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob, or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith ; the Secretary of the Lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith ; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John *David* Smith ; but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his Lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say three or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about 70 Lodges in the early part of May, "Please send diplomas *by return mail.*"

In the return of subscribing members, be careful to give first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed;* then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M.; then all the other members alphabetically arranged. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the "Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D. 1883.—A. L. 5883.

## CHAPTER I.

### OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Secretary.

The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After all the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to

those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz. :

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| Right | Worshipful | Grand Lecturer. |
| " | " | " Chaplain. |
| Very | " | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Grand Superintendent of Works. |
| " | " | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " Organist. |
| " | " | " Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " Stewards (six). |
| " | " | " Tyler. |

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein ; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and, in their absence, proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge ; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes ; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity ; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the

reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Senior Grand Warden.
Past Senior Grand Wardens.
Junior Grand Warden.
Past Junior Grand Wardens.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Chaplains.
Senior Grand Deacon.
Junior Grand Deacon.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master or Warden until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively:

On Credentials and Returns.
On Constitution and Regulations.
On Grievances and Appeal.
On Finance and Audit.
On Foreign Correspondence.
On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or a Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in his opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall he filled in the following order:—By the Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Master; Past Senior Grand Warden; Past Junior Grand Warden; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master, or Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge, and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently

dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

SECTION 25. No Rule, By-Law or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

SECTION 26. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all the Grand Lodge property in the City of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected, at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*,

unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no Brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother, on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded. and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not especially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notice of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15 No motion on a new subject can be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

## CHAPTER III.

### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered

incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master. In the temporary absence of both Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master from the jurisdiction, the Junior Past Grand Master present shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any Brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished Brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge, during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

### OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into five districts, numbered as follows:—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.

No. 2. To include the Western part of the County of Digby and the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg.

No. 3. To include the Eastern part of Digby County and the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants.

No. 4. To include the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish, and the Western part of the County of Guysborough.

No. 5. To include the Eastern part of the County of Guysborough, and the Island of Cape Breton.

SECTION 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an Officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the District to which he is elected, and a resident of the District.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective Districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and Officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its by-laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, and exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any Subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the District of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his District. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

SECTION 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Master of a Subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to publish in the Annual Report of proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION. 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings ; but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval o the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION. 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time, as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business; or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler, or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at

an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the Committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each Committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be Lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a dispensation to open a new Lodge and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct; and any candidate before being declared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been

announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section. 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

Section 6. The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present.

Section 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

Section 8.—In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the Chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees.

Section 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Section 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother, immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge, shall sign the by-laws thereof, and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If, in case of any accident, the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meetings may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the members of the Lodge, and afterwards be recorded in the minute-book; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impres-

sion of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the first and second Degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19. No Lodge shall confer the three Degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz. : For the first and second Degrees $6 each, for the third Degree $8 ; or on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues ; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended —notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of installation of officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master, or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to 20th day of May in each year; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master; and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the preceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No Subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

Section 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavouring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a brother, except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing ; nor shall any Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

SECTION 38. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of

the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 42. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodge should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge, or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the

Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported, and if elected he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he be in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will, of course, be the duty of the W. M. to ascertain, before he signs the dimit, that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation. The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its by-laws.

SECTION 50. The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands.

SECTION 51. In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by Grand Lodge.

## CHAPTER XV.

### OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No General Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the Special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are gold and may be described as follows :

*The Grand Master.*—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendent therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and the compasses, the sun in full glory.

*Past Grand Master.*—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°—the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The Compasses and Square united.
*Senior Grand Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Grand Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Grand Treasurer.*—A chased Key.
*Grand Secretary.*—Key and Pen crossed.
*Grand Lecturer.*—Semi-circle in a triangle.
*Grand Chaplain.*—Eradiated Eye in a triangle.
*Senior Grand Deacon.*—Mallet within a Wreath.
*Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath.
*Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Corinthian Column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.
*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*—Crossed Rods with a tie.
*Grand Sword Bearer.*—Crossed Swords.
*Grand Organist.*—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.
*Grand Pursuivant.*—Crossed Baton and Sword.
*Grand Tyler.*—A Sword.
*Chairman of Stewards.*—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge Officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from collars of blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with silver. The Jewels shall be of silver, as follows :

*Master.*—The Square.

*Past Master.*—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendent within it.

*Senior Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Treasurer.*—The Key.
*Secretary.*—The Crossed Pens.
*Deacons.*—The Dove encircled.
*Marshal or Inner Guard.*—Crossed Swords.
*Stewards.*—Cornucopia in a Wreath.
*Tyler.*—The Sword.

SECTION 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Master Mason.*—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.*—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge :—

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| Dispensation to new Lodge | $50 00 |
| Charter to new Lodge | 30 00 |
| Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book | 1 00 |
| Diploma for each member | 1 00 |
| Annual dues for each member | 0 75 |
| Copy of Charter in case of loss | 5 00 |
| Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet | 0 50 |
| Every other sheet | 0 30 |
| Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto | 1 00 |
| Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month | 5 00 |
| Three copies of printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge, at 50c. each | 1 50 |

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

ART. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. *(See Standing Regulation 16.)*

ART. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz. : G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Application for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the

time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, shall receive the benefit of this Fund unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7.—A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every General Communication.

### FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ——— years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

.....*W. Master.*
[Seal.] .....*S. Warden.*
.....*J. Warden.*
[Date.] .....*Secretary.*

## CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each Subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

## STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot. —[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alterations made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee, when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a brother affiliating from another Lodge *under this Jurisdiction.*—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. Repealed.—[See Proceeding 1880, page 53.]

14. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favourable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken ; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a Dispensation or Charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced; the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October, and the 30th April in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, a correct report of receipt and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected at any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge.—[Proceedings 1878, page 60.]

23. *Resolved*, That the words "*ten miles in every direction*" in section 42, chapter 14, of the Constitution, mean a radius of ten miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*, That the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their Reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table, within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 5.—[Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

25. *Resolved*, That the Investigating Committee are appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the character and antecedents of the

candidate, for the information and guidance of the Brethren of the Lodge. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report favorably or unfavorably, according to the judgment of its members ; but the report is made within the four walls of the Lodge, and no further record should be made in the Minutes than that the Investigating Committee reported. The words favorably or unfavorably should not be entered in the Minutes.—[Proceedings 1879, page 27.]

26. *Resolved*, That an application for a Dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case require immediate action.—[Proceedings 1880, page 40.]

27. *Resolved*, That, in future, Grand Lodge prevent the incorporation of its subordinate Lodges.—[Proceedings 1880, page 46.]

28. *Resolved*, That all cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1871, page 41.]

29. *Resolved*, That a Brother holding the position of Warden of a Subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed.—Proceedings 1881, page 43.]

30. *Resolved*, That permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes.—[Proceedings 1881, page 44.]

# REPORT

OF THE

# Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:

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| Arizona | 1882 | Michigan | 1883 |
| Arkansas | 1882 | Minnesota | 1882 |
| British Columbia | 1882 | Mississippi | 1883 |
| California | 1882 | Missouri | 1882 |
| Canada | 1882 | Montana | 1882 |
| Colorado | 1882 | Nebraska | 1882 |
| Connecticut | 1883 | Nevada | 1882 |
| Dakota | 1882 | New Brunswick | 1883 |
| Delaware | 1882 | New Hampshire | 1882 |
| District of Columbia | 1882 | New Jersey | 1883 |
| Florida | 1882 | New Mexico | 1882 |
| Georgia | 1882 | New York | 1882 |
| Idaho | 1882 | North Carolina | 1882 |
| Indiana | 1882 | Oregon | 1882 |
| Indian Territory | 1882 | Pennsylvania | 1882 |
| Iowa | 1882 | Quebec | 1883 |
| Kansas | 1882 | South Carolina | 1882 |
| Kansas | 1883 | Tennessee | 1883 |
| Kentucky | 1882 | Texas | 1882 |
| Louisiana | 1882 | Utah | 1883 |
| Louisiana | 1883 | Vermont | 1882 |
| Maine | 1882 | Virginia | 1882 |
| Maine | 1883 | Washington Territory | 1882 |
| Maryland | 1882 | Wisconsin | 1882 |
| Massachusetts | 1882 | Wyoming | 1882 |

## ARIZONA—1882.

The first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was held in the City of Tucson, on Monday, November 13th, 1882.

The Grand Master Ansel Mellen Bragg presided, and the representatives of five Lodges were present.

The Grand Master's address is brief, and of course congratulatory upon the promising position of affairs in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary's report shows five Lodges in the territory, all claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Arizona. He had then received official information of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Arizona from the Grand Lodges of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, California, Delaware, Missouri, and Illinois.

Number of Master Masons, 305.

An oration on Masonry is published at the end of the G. L. Proceedings, delivered, we presume, by the Grand Orator Zabriskie, but when or where is not announced.

M. W. Grand Master, John Tabor Alsop, of Phœnix.

V. W. Gr. Sec'y, George James Roskruge, Tucson (re-elected).

We wish the Grand Lodge of Arizona success in all its interests.

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## ARKANSAS—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas held its forty-third Annual Communication in the City of Little Rock, on November 28th, 1882.

The M. W. George E. Dodge, Grand Master, presided, the representatives of one hundred and sixty-six Lodges being present.

The Grand Master congratulated the Craft upon the favorable auspices under which he met the brethren, and intimated that the official duties falling upon him had been numerous and exacting. He refers to the large number of absurd questions put to him by Lodges and Masters, and urged upon them to study these matters more fully for themselves.

Of the fourteen official decisions reported none are of sufficient importance to quote, but all are eminently sensible and to the point,

as indeed are all the observations of the address and the points discussed.

The oration of Grand Orator Clayton is published, and proves to be not only an eloquent, but, in many respects, practical address, elevated in tone and philosophical in its treatment of the theme.

The Grand Lodge, on November 28th, headed by the new Grand Master Logan H. Roots, formally laid the corner-stone of the Methodist University in the City of Little Rock, shortly after which the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

No. Lodges, 352; No. Members, 10,169.

M. W. Grand Master, Logan H. Roots, Little Rock.

R. W. G. Secretary, Fay Hempstead, Little Rock (re-elected.)

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia commenced its eleventh Annual Communication in the City of Victoria, on June 17th, 1882, M. W. Coote M. Chambers, Grand Master, presiding.

The address is moulded in a hopeful spirit, the G. M. looking earnestly to the future for the prosperity of the Province and of Masonry also.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews the Order to be in a good position financially, while the Grand Secretary, among other interesting topics, alludes in a spirit of hearty recognition to the receipt of the Proceedings of some forty Grand Lodges (including Nova Scotia).

No. Lodges, 7; No. Members, 295.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief but well arranged, reviewing, among others, the Proceedings of the sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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## CALIFORNIA—1882.

The thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was begun in the City of San Francisco, on October 10th, 1882.

Clay Webster Taylor, Grand Master, presided, supported by John Quincy Adams, Deputy Grand Master, and a large number of Grand officers, and Past Grand Masters and Past officers of Grand Lodge.

The representatives of one hundred and seventy-seven chartered Lodges were also present.

The address is devoted to local matters principally, and is a very business-like document.

The report of Grand Lecturer Shaeffer is an interesting document, showing that a large amount of inspection work is annually performed, and that great good is accomplished in the way of keeping officers and members of Lodges *en rapport* with their work and duties.

Bro. Wm. H. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented an excellent report, reviewing in a concise but admirable manner the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia, from which he quotes at some length from the address of the Acting G. M. Johnson, referring to the death of our late Grand Master Crowe. A series of lengthy extracts is given from Correspondence relating to Masonry in England, Scotland, Ireland, Cuba, Saxony, Switzerland, Spain, and other Foreign Jurisdictions. In concluding his able review, the Chairman observes: "And here we again end our yearly walk through the green fields and by the pleasant brooks of Masonic Literature. * * * We find there are 55 Grand Lodges in North America; Subordinate Lodges, 10,094; Affiliated Masons, 562,193. The three largest Jurisdictions are—New York, 72,311; Illinois, 38,168; Pennsylvania, 34,342. * * Seven other jurisdictions exceed California, which, in 1881, had 12,597 members."

A resolution against Mormonism was adopted by the Grand Lodge, the concluding sentence being as follows:

"We sympathise with the Grand Lodge and Masons of Utah in the stand which they have taken against the abominations of Mormonism, and approve of their action in refusing to receive the advocates and upholders of that system into the Masonic family."

Rev. and W. Bro. T. H. B. Anderson, D. D., delivered a learned and finished address on Masonry—remarkable for its historical and philosophical arrangement and for the eloquence with which it touched upon the numerous mysteries symbolized by the various Biblical narratives and allusions in its work and ritual.

Masonry in California seems to be established on strong foundations, and must exercise a profound influence for good throughout that State.

Grand Master Clay Webster Taylor, Shaster, (re-elected).

Grand Secretary Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco (re-elected).

## CANADA—1882.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1882, comprises reports of its 27th Annual and of two Special Communications. The first special Communication was held at Salford, June 14th, A. D. 1882, when the Grand Master, with appropriate ceremonies, laid the corner-stone of the Canada Methodist Church, Salford; the second was held at Simcoe, July 1st., 1882, when the corner-stone of Trinity Church at Simcoe was laid, and several admirable addresses were delivered. The twenty-seventh Annual Communication was held at London, July 12th, 1882. M. W. Bro. James Moffat, G. M., presided, having been just presented with a flattering address of welcome, to which he delivered an excellent impromptu reply. This was followed by his address on the affairs of the Craft, which alluded feelingly to the lamented death of Garfield, Harington, and other prominent Masons who had recently been called away. It alluded in appropriate words of honor to the attempted assassination of the Queen, which was providentially averted. A large amount of work was reviewed and the gratifying information given that the relations of the Grand Lodge are harmonious and friendly with those of all other Jurisdictions.

The District Deputy Grand Masters' reports are interesting, and shew that considerable important work was, during the year, performed by those useful officers.

No. Lodges, 347; No. Members, 17,967. Receipts, 1882, $16,913; Assets of Grand Lodge, $65,200.

M. W. Grand Master, Daniel Spry, Barrie; R. W. G. Sec'y., J. J. Mason, Hamilton, (re-elected.)

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## COLORADO—1882.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was held at South Pueblo on May 26th, 1882, for the purpose of dedicating the New Masonic Temple in that City. Bro. Samuel H. Bowman acted as Proxy for the Grand Master. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Acting Grand Master Bowman, now District Deputy Grand Master, delivered an "able, interesting and fraternal

address." Another Emergent Communication was held at Gunnison, Colorado, (date not given), for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Public School House in that City.

The 22nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Denver, September 19th, 1882, Grand Master Robert A. Quillian presiding, and Representatives from 36 Chartered Lodges, besides a large number of visiting brethren were present.

M. W. Grand Master Quillian, after greeting his brethren and visitors, congratulated the Grand Lodge on the auspicious circumstances under which they had met. "Our returns," he says, "shew that we have increased in numbers as well as in morality, friendship, and brotherly love." He referred to the lamented demise of R. W. Bro. Austin of New York, who had been for twenty-seven consecutive years Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge.

Among the decisions of the year we may refer to the following; "that the Grand Master has no authority to reinstate an expelled Mason, although requested by the unanimous vote of the Lodge that has expelled him."

The Committee on Correspondence carefully and discriminatingly reviews the Proceedings of forty-five Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia, in which he quotes at length the allusions to the loss we have sustained in the lamented death of Grand Master Crowe.

No. of Lodges, 44; No. of Members, 2,462.

M. W. Frank Church of Denver, Grand Master.

R. W. Edward C. Parmelee, Georgetown, (re-elected) Grand Secretary.

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## CONNECTICUT — 1883.

The 95th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in New Haven, January 17th, 1883. The Book of Proceedings furnishes a portrait of Grand Master James McCormack, as a frontispiece. The address is devoted principally to matters of business detail and of local interest.

The report of the Grand Secretary, J. K. Wheeler, who is also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is unusually able and interesting. It has the excellent qualification of being exceedingly full as well as discriminating, and furnishes numerous quotations

from the addresses and resolutions under consideration throughout the various Jurisdictions. The superb report of Bro. Wheeler occupies about 122 pages, in comparison with which the fifty or sixty pages which we in Nova Scotia can spare for the same purpose, may well seem "brief."

Masonry in Connecticut has prospered during the past year. It has been, the G. M. informs us, a year "of unusual prosperity." Initiations have increased; the financial position of the Lodges has improved, and no losses by death of officers or members of the Grand Lodge have been recorded during the year.

No. Lodges, 112; No. Members, 14,739.

The Past D. G. M., R. W. Fred. H. Waldron, of New Haven, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## DAKOTA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota met in its Eighth Annual Communication in the City of Watertown, June 13th, 1882. M. W. Grand Master Thomas H. Brown, presided, and the Representatives of twelve Chartered Lodges were present.

Grand Master Brown refers to the satisfactory growth of the Craft in his Jurisdiction, as shewn by the interesting fact that "only seven years ago this Grand Lodge was organized with but six Lodges, having a membership of about 200 * * while to day there are 31 Lodges and a membership of 1157." He very properly pointed out the impropriety of requiring a ballot upon applications for each of the degrees, and urges its immediate discontinuance. He also urged the adoption of a uniform system of work and commented upon the difficulties as well as desirability of accomplishing it. The lamented death of President Garfield and of Dr. Albert G. Mackey, give occasion for some kind and appropriate observations upon their lives and characters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence very carefully review the Proceedings of some thirty Grand Lodges, our own, however, not being this year among the number

M. W. Grand Master, O. S. Gifford, Canton.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Chas. T. McCoy, Bon Homme, (re-elected.)

## DELAWARE—1882.

The 76th Annual Communication was held at Wilmington, October 4th, 1882. M. W. J. W. H. Watson, Grand Master, on the Throne. Half of our R. W. Representative (Bro. Hayes) was present on our behalf, the other half on behalf of Missouri.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following:

"I have had several points given me for decision, but as most of them have been fully settled by our new Constitution and By-Laws, they do not require repeating."

"I decided that a Brother indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct, is in the control of the Lodge, and it is not necessary for his reinstatement he should petition therefor, though he may do so if he desires. A motion made by any Brother is all that is necessary, but it must lay over one month and the brethren notified. A unanimous vote is required."

"An installed officer of a Lodge cannot resign. The Lodge, therefore, cannot accept his resignation, nor can it grant him a dimit until after the expiration of his term of office."

On Foreign Correspondence we read in the Grand Secretary's report:

"The printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received, and a copy of each placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

"The Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received and are now in this office, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence declining to receive them for want of time to review them properly."

"On motion of Bro. Saulsbury, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was authorized to print their report when prepared, with the Proceedings, if approved by the Committee.*"

"* A report made by Bro. Charles C. King, acting Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was received by me, but a majority of the Committee not having approved it as required by Bro. Saulsbury's motion, I did not have it printed."

W. S. HAYES,
*Grand Secretary.*

No. Lodges, 21; No. Members, 1,356.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — 1882.

The Seventy-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held at Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., on November 8th, 1882. Grand Master Noble D. Larner, presided, and in his address referred to the "very pleasant and gratifying circumstances" under which he met his brethren. "The year * * was one of prosperity to our Craft. Our Lodges have enjoyed a large degree of prosperity, and peace and harmony reign throughout our borders." He impressed upon the Grand Lodge the desirability of assisting the "Garfield Masonic Memorial Institute."

The remarks of the Grand Master on the one ballot rule are well worthy of careful perusal, and it is gratifying to learn that the Grand Lodge of the District has, by legislation, carried out his recommendations, and that the list of those Grand Lodges requiring or permitting a separate ballot for each Degree in Masonry is gradually decreasing.

Two able and instructive addresses were delivered before the Fraternity of the District on the 7th of November, 1882; one by Past G. M., J. M. Browne of California and Past G. M. John W. Simons of New York· These are published among the Proceedings and form exceedingly interesting reading. A memorial page is devoted to Past G. M. Chas. F. Stansbury, who died January 31st, 1882.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is full and discriminating, Nova Scotia being briefly mentioned.

No. of Lodges, 21; No. of Members, 2,876.

M. W. G. Master, Edw. H. Chamberlain.

R. W. G. Secretary, Wm. R. Singleton, (re-elected.)

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## FLORIDA — 1882.

The 53rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida, was held at Jacksonville January 17th, 1882.

The Grand Master, Wm. E. Anderson, presided. The Grand Secretary being absent owing to illness in his family.

We are pleased to note from the address of the Grand Master that the year past was one of peace and prosperity, and that the Lodges

are prosperous, harmonious and growing, and that earnest efforts are being generally made throughout the Jurisdiction to educate the members in Masonic law and practice. His references to the fraternal dead are timely and judicious. Speaking of our late Bro. Allen H. Crowe, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Wm. G. Tonn, Grand Secretary of Wyoming, and James M. Austin, Grand Secretary of New York, he says: "These distinguished brethren leave behind them the record of noble and upright lives. As men and Masons they discharged their duties faithfully in their several stations. What higher praise can be accorded to them and what more noble monument?"

He recommended that no recognition or encouragement be extended to the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," which had applied for recognition. Among the interesting features of the session was the presentation to P. G. M., W. A. McLean of a gold pencil, with an eloquent address, which was very appropriately responded to by that worthy P. G. M.

No. Lodges, 86; No. of Members, 2,117.

M. W. Grand Master, Wm. E. Anderson, (re-elected.)

R. W. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

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## GEORGIA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia met in Biennial Session on October 31st, 1882, in the City of Macon.

A large attendance of Representatives and Officers was present, presided over by Grand Master Josiah J. Wright, whose address, though somewhat lengthy, is replete with interest. His tribute to the fraternal dead, the late Grand Chaplain Caleb W. Key and E. E. White, Past Junior Grand Warden, is a deserved and eloquent memorial to those two brethren.

An excellent report on the Yorktown Centennial was presented by R. W. J. H. Estile, who was present on the occasion and took part, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, in the laying of the foundation stone of the monument commemorating the surrender of Cornwallis.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is given in very compact and readable form—occupying about ten pages—and briefly but succinctly noting matters of interest or importance in other Grand Lodges. Nova Scotia is briefly mentioned.

Masonic matters in Georgia are in a promising condition, harmony and a fair share of prosperity prevailing.

Grand Master, M. W. Josiah J. Wright, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, J. Emmett Blackshear, (re-elected.)

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## IDAHO—1882.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Boise City on September 12th, 1882.

In the temporary absence of the Grand Master, Francis E. Ensign, the R. W. Bro. L. F. Cartee, Deputy G. M., presided at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Subsequently the Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge expressing his regret "that circumstances had rendered it impossible for him to perform all the duties which his high office had imposed on him." He had been for a long period extremely ill, and even then his health was such that he felt compelled to ask his esteemed Deputy to act for him in presiding over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

A considerable amount of routine business was transacted.

No. Lodges, 9; No. members, 391.

Grand Master, M. W. L. F. Cartee, Boise City.

Grand Secretary, R. W. James H. Wickershaw, Lewiston, (re-elected.)

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## INDIANA—1882.

The 64th Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, May 23rd, 1882.

Calvin W. Prather, Grand Master, (whose portrait is published in the Proceedings) presided, and the Representatives of 475 Chartered Lodges were present.

The Grand Master opens his address by observing, "After two years we meet again * * we find ourselves happily situated—

harmony and prosperity in our Jurisdiction, on fraternal terms with all the Grand Lodges of the world, and a bright outlook for the future." This is indeed cheering.

The business transacted during the interval has been, we gather from the address and reports, simply immense, and a detailed report is carefully given in the address and accompanying documents.

He quotes at length from P. G. Master M. H. Rice's views as expressed in the "Masonic Advocate," on the subject of the "Perpetual Jurisdiction," and expresses his approval of these opinions, which are hostile to the doctrine.

He alludes sympathisingly to the death of our late Grand Master, A. H. Crowe, and refers in terms of fraternal affection to those lamented brethren, Tonn, of Wyoming; Austin, of New York; Mackey of South Carolina, and Garfield, the murdered President.

He recommended the reduction of the allowances to Representatives to Grand Lodge, and the application of the saving to result therefrom to the reduction of the debt, but his recommendation was not supported by the Grand Lodge, although the Committee on Jurisprudence reported unanimously in its favor.

The wisdom of the action of Grand Lodge in holding biennial Sessions has been vindicated, he claims, by the results. We are delighted to observe the improvement in the financial affairs of Indiana, the debt having been reduced some $31,000.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address which alluded to the death of M. W. Bro. Crowe, reported in a kindly expression of sorrow and sympathy which cannot fail to warm the hearts of all Masons in this Jurisdiction. They close by saying, "We extend to the fraternity of Nova Scotia, who have lost one of their most cherished and brilliant members, the sympathies of this Grand Lodge, and express the hope of meeting our departed Brother in the brighter and happier fraternity in the Grand Lodge above." A memorial page, inscribed, "A Zealous Mason, Let us Cherish his Memory," is dedicated to our deceased Grand Master.

A large amount of important business was transacted. The various Committee reports are able and reliable documents of more than local interest for their intrinsic excellence and breadth of treatment of the subjects considered.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee includes a review of Nova Scotia for 1880 and 1881. It is a monument of patient labor, and Bro. Commons and his fellow committeemen have managed to squeeze an enormous amount of information, coupled with many sound observations, into the 100 and odd pages devoted to its publication.

Masonry in Indiana is destined to grow and flourish.

No. Lodges, 520; No. Members, 24,000. Annual revenue, $48,340.24.

Grand Master, M. W. Bruce Carr, Indianapolis.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

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## INDIAN TERRITORY—1882.

The Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory met in its 8th Annual Communication in the town of Vinita, Cherokee Nation, November 7th, 1882.

Grand Master C. E. Gooding, presided. His address deals with several important matters. The Lodges are in a healthy condition. He says that "duty demands that I speak to you of the shameful and sinful practices which some of our brethren have fallen into—and, indeed, some of these holding high positions in the Lodges—that of temperance and profanity." He feelingly entreats the brethren by every solemn obligation to discountenance these terrible practices and to strive to "divest your lips and hearts of the vices and superfluities of life."

We sincerely pray that our brethren in the Indian Territory may succeed in weeding from Masonry these evil plants which, if allowed to grow, will certainly check the growth of other virtues inculcated by the spirit of our Craft.

Among the dead of the past year is recorded the name of Bro. the Rev James William, "a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, a man of large brain as well as bone. He was useful and influential—at one time a District Chief; at all times an honest, upright man."

No. Lodges, 14; No. Members, 422.

Grand Master, Harvey Lindsey of Eufaula.

Grand Secretary, P. S. Murrow, Atoka.

## IOWA — 1882.

The beautiful volume of Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1882, contains a vast amount of important and interesting Masonic matter, giving the idea of a high degree of Masonic learning, literary taste and devotion to the work of the Craft in that Jurisdiction unimpaired anywhere in the world. The frontispiece is a superb portrait of the late President Garfield, whose sad death was an apotheosis, but whose strong, manly features will long be remembered by the generation that had begun to foster its hopes upon his life and character.

The 39th Annual Communication was held at Des Moines, beginning on June 6th, A. D. 1882, Grand Master Geo. B. Van Saun, presiding, supported by a large attendance of Officers, Past Grand Masters and other Officers, the Grand Representatives of about forty Grand Lodges, (Past G. M. T. S. Parvin, the Grand Secretary representing Nova Scotia,) and the large number of 422 members.

The Grand Master's address deals largely with important matters of local concern. On the subject of non-affiliation he recommends that Lodge Rooms be made pleasant and attractive, the ceremonies interesting and instructive, and Masonic living purer, thus drawing non-affiliates into close communion. A number of other excellent suggestions and general observations of an uniformly sensible character marked this very able address.

The Grand Secretary presented a most eloquent and touching memorial on the fraternal dead, breathing throughout the purest spirit of brotherly love and sympathy, and couched in language of tender mournfulness fitted to such a theme. Bro. Parvin's contributions to Masonic literature are of great value, the proportion in the volume before us being alone sufficient to establish a reputation. The review of Foreign Correspondence, in which Nova Scotia is kindly referred to, is such, in compass, in literary excellence and in sound criticism as might be deputed from a pen wielded by such a writer; clear, vigorous and thoroughly fraternal, it forms a record of Masonic progress worthy of careful study and of every praise.

Iowa has 367 Lodges and 19,242 members.

Grand Master Van Saun and Grand Secretary Parvin, (re-elected.)

## KANSAS — 1882.

The 26th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held at Topeka, February 15th, 1882.

Grand Master William Cowgill's address alludes to the satisfactory state of the Craft, and expresses the opinion that every Lodge in the Jurisdiction should be officially visited once in each year by an officer of the Grand Lodge, and a thorough investigation into its affairs made, and a full report made to the Grand Master. He reports that eighty Lodges have received official attention during the year. He commends the present system of instruction. He strenuously objects to conferring degrees out of time, and insists that when a brother applies to a Lodge for membership his petition should be accompanied by a Dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member. The Dimit, in case of his affiliation, should then be formally cancelled. During the year he issued nineteen Dispensations for new Lodges. He prudently and wisely cautions Lodges against bogus travelling masons, who are a source of great annoyance to active Masons. Lodges should be particular in demanding proof of the standing of Masons of this character. He further suggests the creation of the office of Grand Orator, and the revision of the Constitution. In his suggestive and thoughtful review of the fraternal dead he alludes to many distinguished brethren who have fallen by the wayside during the past year, including "a dear and eminent Brother, M. W. Allen Hill Crowe—a faithful laborer in the vineyard." He eloquently closes as follows: "Trusting that Masonry may keep step with the grand march of progress, and that it will lead to the elevation of our race, and that years to come shall be monumented with the good deeds of our fraternity; that men may be made better by our thoughts and actions, and the hearts of widows and orphans be made glad, and that they may call us blessed, because their burdens have been lifted from them, I bid you all, and the fraternity everywhere, God-speed."

The reported decisions are thirteen in number, and are all in accordance with the soundest interpretations of Masonic law.

An excellent Masonic address from Past G. M., O. A. Basset is published in the Appendix.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, thoroughly discriminating, kindly and able, devoting abundant space to apt quotations on interesting topics, and commenting with freedom and good sense on many important points. Nova Scotia is pleasantly alluded to, and the loss we have sustained in the death of Grand Master Crowe affectionately deplored.

Masonry in Kansas seems to be in the hands of earnest, practical and intelligent men, who are making their influence felt for good.

No. Lodges, 208 ; No. Members, 9085.

Grand Master, M. W. William Cowgill, Fredonia, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, R. W. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, (re-elected.)

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## KANSAS—1883.

The 27th Annual Communication was held in the City of Topeka, February 21st and 22nd, 1883. M. W. Grand Master William Cowgill, on the Throne.

From the Grand Master's address we select the follwing with commendation :

"In looking over the reports from our Lodges, as sent up from year to year, and noticing the list of those suspended for non-payment of dues, we are enabled to form some idea of the manner in which Lodges conduct their business, so far as collecting dues is concerned. By our examination of the suspended list, through a series of years, we find that in a majority of cases, when a Lodge commences to suspend for non-payment of dues, it does the business by wholesale, and then will not be heard of again in this list for a number of years ; this shows that too many of our Lodges do not conduct their affairs on business principles as they should do.

The prudent and successful business man collects his accounts when they become due ; a Lodge should be conducted on the same principle, so far as its finances are concerned.

But it appears to be the practice of a great many of our Lodges to let the dues of its members run as long as they are allowed to by Section 44, Grand Lodge By-Laws, and sometimes longer ; then, through financial embarrassment, or some other cause, they come to the conclusion that something must be done, and commence trying to force collections, which results in the suspension of a number of its members. If the Masters of our Lodges would use the same efforts to have Lodge dues collected at maturity, that they do to collect the money due them on their own private business, our suspended list would present a different appearance.

It is much easier for a member to pay his dues when called upon often for small amounts, than it is when allowed to run for several years, and accumulate to a comparatively large amount. If our Lodges would conduct their affairs as they ought, there would be fewer suspensions for non-payments of dues, and their finances would be in a better condition."

In the report on Foreign Correspondence Nova Scotia has more than a page devoted to her Proceedings. Bro. Brown, who presents the report, is pleased to say of us, "42 Grand Lodges are reviewed in a creditable way—but we observe nothing which has not been well established on this side of *the line* for years"—which shows how at-one Masonry is on both sides *the line*—as it ought to be—and leads us to remark that in Masonry "what is old is true, and what is false is new." The only reason that the Proceedings of Kansas for the previous year were not noticed is—"we did not receive them."

No. Lodges, 222; No. Members, 10,395.

M. W. Grand Master, Geo. S. Green, Manhattan.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John H. Brown, Wyandotte.

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## KENTUCKY—1882.

The 83rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held at Louisville on October 17th, 1882. M. W. Wm. Henry Meffert, presiding.

The address is a very straightforward and business-like document, dealing with various questions in a clear and practical manner. Out of a large number of questions presented to him and decisions rendered, the Grand Master quotes but thirteen, in all of which we recognise sound Masonic learning and good common sense.

He reported a pleasant visit to the Grand Lodge of Indiana at its Session in May, and speaks of the attention he received and of the gratifying impression made upon his mind by what he then observed in terms of high praise.

The Grand Secretary's office is spoken of as being very ably administered and the amount of labor as being very great. He urges upon the officials of Subordinate Lodges greater care and attention to the duties devolving upon them in their reports and communications to the Grand Lodge through that office. He suggests the publication

of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the contemplated new Masonic Journal, in the hope that it would be more widely read and published at a smaller cost than heretofore.

The affairs of the "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," a most noble charity, occupied a prominent place in the Grand Master's address, showing that the members of the Craft in that Jurisdiction are alive to the value of such an institution, and are determined to accord it a liberal support.

The report shows that the "Home" is free from debt, and provides a shelter for 180 persons. The structure erected for the "Home" is capable of accommodating five hundred beneficiaries, and the want of adequate resources is the only reason why the work is not more rapidly extended. He strongly urges increased support.

The Masons of Kentucky are, it appears to us, notably exemplifying their faith in our sublime principles, and if they follow out the promptings of their Grand Master their record will be one to cause the blush of shame on the cheek of many brethren elsewhere who are by no means making the sacrifices or doing the practical good they ought in reference to those who have a right to their sympathy and assistance.

A large amount of miscellaneous business was transacted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. James W. Slaton, who has done his work in an admirable manner, reviewing the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia, in an interesting and impartial manner. Were we disposed to pay compliments we could conscientiously praise the very full and thoroughly general treatment given by our industrious Bro. to the works he has reviewed.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is in a prosperous condition, and Masonry seems to flourish in her Jurisdiction.

No. Lodges, 486; No. Members, 16,052.

Grand Master, D. G. Buckner, Lexington.

Grand Secretary, Hiram Bassett, (re-elected.)

## LOUISIANA — 1882.

The 69th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana commenced in the city of New Orleans on Feb. 13th, A.D., 1882, M. W. W. R. Whitaker, Grand Master, presiding and supported by a large army of Grand Officers and members and Representatives.

The Grand Master's address first referred to the distinguished dead such as Garfield, Wm. McDuff, Wm. A. Brainard, Grand Master Crowe, Albert G. Mackey, James M. Austin, of New York, and others of whom his appreciative remarks were timely and deserved. He congratulated the Grand Lodge on the improvement of its finances and confidently looked forward to a solid surplus, with all obligations cancelled.

The condition of the Craft he also thought was generally improving, and he recommended to the Craft generally their duty in the matter of Masonic charity.

The subject of the joint occupancy of Lodges and Halls occupied by other secret societies was alluded to, and the strong necessity of adhering strictly to the law on that subject was enforced. At the same time the G. M. requested authority to permit such meetings until new quarters should be found for the transaction of absolutely necessary business. Foreign relations were very satisfactory. A memorial page is fraternally dedicated to our late Grand Master, Allen H. Crowe.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is full and interesting including a brief but kindly notice of the affairs of Nova Scotia.

No. Lodges, 132; No. Members, 4,852.

William Ritchie Whitaker, of New Orleans, (re-elected) Grand Master.

J. C. Batchelor, M.D., of New Orleans, (re-elected) Grand Secretary.

## LOUISIANA—1883.

The 71st Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana opened in New Orleans, Feb. 12th, after prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain. Wm. Ritchie Whitaker, M. W. Grand Master presiding. R. W. Wm. Robson—our Representative—is not named as present.

The Grand Master in his address speaks most feelingly of several brethren who have gone before—and though last not least, of T. D. Harington, P. G. M. of Canada and G. Representative of the M. W. G. L. of Louisiana, near the Grand Lodge of Canada. R. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell, P. G. S. W., takes his place.

We would call attention to the following rulings:

Necessary authority having been given for the laying of the corner-stone of a new Presbyterian Church at Morgan City, with Masonic ceremonies, and Doric Lodge having been permitted to assist, the W. M. of that Lodge inquired if the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias could turn out in regalia in procession with the Masons, on the invitation of the pastor of the church, they taking no part in the ceremonies.

The following was my reply to the W. M.:

"You will find in the Edicts of the Grand Lodge (*No.* 50, *a*), the following:

"'Processions, Lodges and Masons are prohibited by Grand Lodge regulations from joining in regalia, a procession of I. O. O. F., and under their control, or that of any other secret society. Masons should not appear in public or in any ceremony not controlled by Masons, and should not be willing to make a show of themselves in a subordinate character to please anybody.' (*Girard* 1875, *p.* 32.)

"Also, the following in note to Sec. 35, Grand Lodge regulations:

"'It is improper to perform any of the public ceremonies peculiar to the Fraternity, in connection with other secret associations.' (*Adopted, February* 10*th*, 1869.)

"You perceive that Masons in Masonic regalia cannot join in the procession of a secret organization not Masonic, and that such an association cannot participate in any Masonic ceremony. I do not see that there is anything in our law prohibiting your Lodge from performing the ceremony of laying the corner-stone, while at the same time the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias appear in the procession in regalia, taking no part in our rite. I observe that M. W. Bro. Girard's language, which I have quoted, is very carefully guarded, and I am not disposed to extend the prohibition by a ruling going any further than his decision. I consequently reply to your question affirmatively."

I made a similar decision upon the inquiry by the W. M. of Perfect Harmony Lodge, whether the United Brethren Benevolent Association could be permitted to join in procession with that Lodge at the funeral of a deceased member, and in this instance, I said that I saw no objection to members of the association acting with Masons as pall-bearers. It was enjoined upon the W. M. that the funeral must be under the sole control of the Lodge, and that the Lodge must perform the rites without interference on the part of the association.

175 pages are filled with able reviews of Foreign Grand Lodge Proceedings—Nova Scotia included. Why Nova Scotia should be in a doubtful position as "as one of the English provinces *or islands*," it is hard to tell except upon the "not quite" principle. Our peninsula, like all others, being not quite an island. Our R. W. Brother does not seem to understand the confusion likely to be caused by *part* of Canada retaining the title Grand Lodge *of Canada*. In old times when Canada consisted of the united provinces of Upper and Lower Canada—the title Grand Lodge of Canada applied —but now that Canada consists of *many* provinces, *each* having its own Grand Lodge, it is manifestly inconvenient that the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario should be called G. L. of Canada any more than the G. L. of Quebec.

It would be an improvement if the Committee would append to each report a mention of the number of Lodges and Members thus :

Lodges in Louisiana, 130 ; Members in Louisiana, 4,382.

M. W. G. M., James L. Lobdell, Lobdell's P.O.

R. W. G. Sec'y, J. C. Batchelor, M.D., New Orleans, P.O. Drawer 872.

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## MAINE—1882.

The 63rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Masonic Hall, Portland. M. W. Marquis F. King, Grand Master, present, and the Representatives of 169 out of 181 Chartered Lodges, in attendance. A large number of Permanent Members and Officers of Grand Lodge were also present.

Grand Master King's address eloquently welcomes the members to the work of the Session, and refers in strong terms of indignation to the bitter experience that Masonry has experienced in the murder of the late President Garfield.

The fraternity in Maine is prosperous—no discords within and harmony existing with all other Grand Bodies.

He discusses several interesting questions such as joint occupancy of Halls, non-affiliation and the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, intelligently and with force. He suggests the propriety of a step recommended originally by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, to the effect that Past Masters in each Masonic District be authorized to elect one of their number to be a Member of Grand Lodge.

Appropriate reports and memorials were presented on the subject of the lamented death of Bros. C. C. Mason, Asahel Moore, Warren Phillips, William O. Poor and Thomas B. Johnson, who had died during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies 160 pages, and carefully and discriminatingly reviews the Proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges, among them that of Nova Scotia. The Committee express the opinion that "the Executive Officials have taken hold of the financial problem in earnest * * and we are justified in the hope that at the next Annual Communication the balance will be on the right side."

The statistical table appended to the report is of great value for reference, being carefully compiled and conveniently arranged.

A large amount of business of a general and financial character was done, and some modifications in the Constitution were adopted.

P. G. M., Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, continues as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

No. Lodges, 181 ; No. Masons, 19,351.

Marquis F. King, of Portland, Grand Master.

Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

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## MAINE — 1883.

The 64th Annual Communication was held at Portland, May 1st, 1883. M. W. Marquis F. King, Grand Master, on the Throne.

Our Representative, M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, LL. D., was in his place.

The Grand Master's address reflects great credit on him and upon the Jurisdiction. His decision we quote:

"To a Master who inquired if it was proper for his Lodge to give to another a part of the fees to be received from a candidate in consideration of waiving jurisdiction, I replied: Territory is not assigned to Lodges for merchandise, and candidates must be neither bought nor sold. Proselyting is forbidden. All candidates must be able to make the required declaration truthfully, and the Lodge unembarrassed by any previous act in balloting. Applications to waive jurisdiction must be made by the petitioner himself, giving the name of the Lodge to which he wishes to apply.

A brother whose membership has been suspended for non-payment of dues, is not thereby released from his moral obligation to pay the same, and should he fail to avail himself of the leniency of his Lodge, he may at any time be notified to appear to show cause why he should not be dealt with for continued neglect of duty, and, if his Lodge shall so vote, be deprived of membership.

A charter may be taken to the Tyler's room to be examined by a visitor, without closing the Lodge, it being legally present whilst in any of the apartments occupied and necessary for Lodge work.

Members of a Lodge which has voted to surrender its charter cannot apply for membership in another Lodge until the Grand Lodge has accepted the surrendered charter.

A Lodge voting to surrender its charter thereby vacates its territory, and candidates residing therein will apply to the nearest Lodge, as provided in Constitution. This rule also applies to Entered Appentices and Fellow Crafts.

One of our Deputies asked for instructions as to his duty in cases of drunkenness among Masons in his District, when the Lodge neglects to take notice of the misdemeanor. I have replied, that drunkenness is a masonic crime and Lodges should purge themselves of criminals; it is not one of the duties of the Grand Master, or his Deputies, to act as prosecutor, but they should notice sins of omission and commission, and with kindness and firmness strive to bring Lodges and members to realize the full import of their Masonic promises.

In this connection, in view of the near approach of another of those great triennial gatherings of Masons in this country, I desire to say that Freemasonry does not now and never has encouraged the worship of Bacchus, Venus or Mars; that the bacchanalian orgies which have attended some of these assemblies, f reliance can be placed in the reports of the secular press, deserve our severest condemnation.

What folly to teach temperance and prudence to the Entered Apprentice, and encourage, by our silence, license and indiscretion in the Fellow Craft. Let us have done with this; let us not palliate or aggravate the offences of our brethren, but let us judge with candor and reprehend with justice. "Be assured that, if in your conduct you forget that you are *men*, the world, with its usual severity, will remember that you are *masons*."

A full review is given of Foreign Correspondence. Nova Scotia is most kindly and fraternally noticed with a hearty wish for an improvement in our financial condition. We can only say, "so mote it be."

No. Lodges, 185; No. Members, 19,469.

M. W. Grand Master, W. R. G. Estes, Skowhegan.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Ira Berry, Portland.

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## MARYLAND – 1882.

Special Communication, October 21st.

Semi-Annual Communication, May 9th.

Annual Communication, November 21st.

The Special was stated to be by Grand Master Tyson "for the purpose of making arrangements for laying the Corner-Stone of the new Post-Office building in the City of Baltimore."

The M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Maryland held its 191st semi-annual Communication in Baltimore, M. W. Grand Master Tyson on the throne.

On Masonic funerals the Grand Master says:

I desire to call the special attention of the brethren to the subject of Masonic funerals, as it has come to my knowledge that the ancient usages of the Fraternity have not in all cases been strictly adhered to. Grand Master Latrobe says, (Nov. 1873, p. 8,): "The practice in Maryland has been for the Masons to conduct *all* Masonic ceremonies, whether at funerals or elsewhere, *exclusively* —not joining with any other *body* in that respect."

This is undoubtedly the true Masonic usage. It does not (of course) exclude Church services, but no members of any other society should participate with the Masons as pall-bearers or otherwise; and the ceremony of the Masons, as the *oldest* of all fraternities, should always be fully completed before that of any other society begins.

This is all that the Grand Master has to say *authoritatively* on the subject, but I will take the liberty of adding, that in my own opinion, it is simply nauseating to see (as we frequently do) the ceremonies of three or four different societies over one grave. I think *once* is enough to bury a man, and if I were Master of a Masonic Lodge, or of any other Lodge, and were called upon to inter the remains of a deceased brother, I should only consent on the condition that he should be allowed to stay buried.

Under the head "Foreign Correspondence," Nova Scotia—1881 receives due and fraternal attention—especially quoting P. D. G. M. Lewis Johnstone's remarks upon G. M. Crowe's lamented decease.

The Annual Communication (96th) was held in the same place—Grand Master Tyson in the G. East ;—we give the eloquent conclusion of his address :

Let us thank the Great Architect of the Universe that amid all the jarring discords of the world, social distinctions, individual animosities and feuds, the conflicts of armies and of creeds, and notwithstanding all these repellant forces, which tend to drive men farther and farther apart, there is yet left one force that draws all men together, one common ground on which all good men may kneel and clasp hands. That *force* is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man, and that *ground* is the ground of Free-masonry.

Would to God that all men were linked together by such indissoluble ties. Then indeed would the vision of the poet be realized and his prophecy fulfilled :

" Till the war drum throbbed no longer, and the battle flags were furled
In the parliament of Man, the federation of the World."

Brethren, this is a great trust, a priceless heritage which has been committed to our charge. Let us take heed that in all we do we be influenced by no selfish, no unworthy motives, no personal ambition, no individual friendships or prejudices, but let us act solely for the best interests of Freemasonry, so that the honor, glory and reputation of the Institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects.

Lodges, 78 ; Members, 4,655.

M. W. G. M., John S. Tyson, Baltimore.

R. W. G. Sec'y, Jacob H. Medairy, 6 N. Howard St., Baltimore.

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## MASSACHUSETTS — 1882.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held in Boston, Wednesday, December 13th, 1882. M. W. Samuel Crocker Lawrence, Grand Master, in the Chair.

The address is an unusually lengthy and able paper, dealing thoroughly and succinctly with a large number of important matters, concerning each of which the observations of the Grand Master are marked with caution and wisdom.

The year, he states, has been one of remarkable prosperity throughout our fraternity both in Massachusetts and elsewhere. He

alludes warmly to the loss sustained by the Craft in the death of such brethren as William Sutton, William W. Baker, Artemas Hale and James F. Chase, the latter of whom was the oldest member of the Order in America, having been seventy-five years a Mason.

The G. M. reported a large number of official visitations during the year. Lengthy and interesting remarks are given with reference to the proposed commutation of Grand Lodge dues, the sum thus raised to be used for the extinguishment of the debt on the new Masonic Temple. The idea seems to be generally approved. He promises to give especial attention to the more convenient redistricting of the State, a step which has been rendered necessary by the growth and development of the Craft. The debt is now reduced to very small limits, and Massachusetts sees a bright Masonic future before her.

On the third election of the Grand Master, the announcement was made to him in terms of warm approval by the Craft, "as an expression of their profound respect, their earnest affection, their offering of thanks for your faithful, disinterested and unexampled labors in their behalf." They say that they "all recognize in the report of the Masonic life and work of the year, the wonderful skill of your labours and the felicitous results, in a diminished debt, a consolidated fraternity, prevailing peace, enthusiastic honor, intense love, and a most devoted allegiance."

The "Grand Feast" was enjoyed by 160 brethren, but the "feast of reason" that followed may be enjoyed by all who can procure and read the report. The oratory was throughout of that high and rare order, characteristic of men with high aims, broad views, cultivated brains and sympathetic humor. "The word fitly spoken" characterised it from first to last.

No. Lodges, 220; No. Members, 25,856.

Grand Master, Samuel C. Lawrence, Boston, (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, (re-elected.)

## MICHIGAN—1883.

A Special Communication was held at Grand Rapids, November 27th, 1882, to lay to rest the mortal remains of P. G. M. Lovell Moore.

"The brethren from the Subordinate Lodges in the city and vicinity, numbering some 350, together with many Past Grand Masters, formed in procession under the direction of the Grand Marshal, proceeded to the residence, and thence to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where the beautiful and impressive services peculiar to that church (of which our departed brother was so many years an honored member) were conducted by Rev. Bro. S. Burford, Rector, assisted by Rev. Bro. Whitmarsh, of Muskegon.

After the services the procession reformed and accompanied the remains to Fulton Street Cemetery, where the Masonic services were conducted by Bro. John W. Champlin, Past Grand Master.

The 39th Annual Communication was held at Kalamazoo, January 23rd, A. D. 1883. M. W. Bro. Alanson Partridge, Grand Master, presiding.

His address was business-like and able. He said:

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to report to you that undisturbed harmony and peace dwell within our borders, and as a consequence of this there has been an unusual degree of prosperity existing among the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

The good and true have been seeking admission to our Mystic Temple, while the interest and zeal of the membership have largely increased."

Among others, he submitted the following decisions:

An applicant for the degrees must have been a resident within the territorial jurisdictiou of the Lodge to which he applies for the period of twelve months next preceding his application. The Grand Master has no power to grant a dispensation which would abrogate this plain provision of law.

A Lodge cannot release territorial jurisdiction of its Masonic material to another Lodge so that the latter can work it as its own.

An objection is made to the further advancement of a candidate after he has received the first degree. After the lapse of several years the brother who makes the objection fails to pay his dues and is suspended from the Lodge.

*Held*, That in order to avail himself of the privileges of the Lodge, the brother must keep his standing good. By reason of such neglect he thereby waives his objection. The candidate may be advanced.

A candidate is elected and initiated. After initiation a brother makes an objection to the advancement of the candidate. The objection is made to the W. M.

The W. M. held that such objection was void, by reason of its not being in writing and filed with the Secretary, and in defiance of such objection advanced the candidate. My construction of the law is that the W. M. was in error. The objection need not be in writing.

Has the W. M. the right to dismiss charges preferred against a member of this Lodge?

*Held,* That it is not only his right but his duty, when in his judgment the charges are frivolous or such as cannot be sustained.

A brother petitions his Lodge for a dimit, which is granted. Subsequently, but at the same meeting, a motion is made and carried to reconsider the vote by which the dimit was granted, and the dimit was refused. What is the brother's standing?

*Held,* That when the vote was declared granting the dimit, the brother's connection with the Lodge was severed. I therefore ordered that so much of the records as related to the reconsideration of the vote by which the dimit was refused be declared null and void, so recorded, and a certificate of dimit be issued.

A brother from a Lodge in this jurisdiction finds himself in Nevada sick and destitute. A Lodge in the locality where he is comes to his relief, pays his doctor and board bills, then furnishes him with money, in all amounting to several hundred dollars, which enables him to return to his home in Michigan. The Lodge in Nevada brings a claim against the Lodge to which the brother belongs for the amount advanced for such relief, which his Lodge refuses to pay, on the ground that they are unable to meet such expenses and are not liable for said claims.

*Held,* That the Lodge to which this brother belongs is not liable for this claim. The question of aid is not a compulsory one; each Mason is bound to give to the extent of his ability, no more. The brethren of Nevada simply performed their Masonic duty.

R. W. Bro. W. P. Innes presented the report on Foreign Correspendence: it fills over 300 pages, and displays great industry and ability. Nova Scotia, 1881 and 1882, receives its full share of notice. A large portion of Acting Grand Master Johnstone's and Grand Master Taylor's addresses being given.

No. Lodges, 347; No. Members, 26,488.

Bro. C. F. R. Bellows, Ypsilanti, M. W. G. M.

Bro. W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, R. W. G. Sec'y.

## MINNESOTA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota convened in its 29th Annual Communication in the city of St. Paul, January 10th, 1882.

The address of the Grand Master, Henry R. Wells, opens with pathetic allusion to the sad circumstances attending the death of Garfield, and proceeds to refer to others, less famous, but of good repute in Masonry. Among these are Charles O. Bell, P. Jun. Grand Warden, "an earnest, faithful and consistent Mason."

Grand Lodge funds are in good condition and an appropriation is urged for the purpose of improving the character and condition of the Grand Lodge Library.

Prosperity is shown in the unusually large number of Masonic Halls now owned by the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's decisions are few. On the subject of appeals for relief he strenuously asserts the sound doctrine, that no appeal to the body of Masonry within a jurisdiction for aid or relief should be suffered until the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master has been given an opportunity to investigate the merits of the appeal and give it his official sanction.

He presents some admirable thoughts on the subject of non-affiliation, and asks what protection can be offered to a brother who, possessing a dimit, is rejected on his application for affiliation. This is a difficulty that is not likely to embarrass the Craft, we believe, to any great extent. Excellent observations are made with subjects of Grand Lodge representation, suggesting a wider sphere of usefulness to those distinguished members of the Craft who act as ambassadors.

Grand Lodge relations are harmonious and fraternal. The attitude of the Grand Lodge of Utah on the Mormon question was strongly sustained by the Committee as well as by the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence deals with the affairs of forty-four Grand Lodges and is throughout interesting and complete, quotations being more extensively indulged in than we in Nova Scotia would dare attempt. Nova Scotia briefly but fraternally mentioned.

No. Lodges, 150; No. Members, 7,522, increase during the year 386.

Grand Master, M. W. C. Benton, Minneapolis.

Grand Secretary, R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul (re-elected).

## MISSISSIPPI—1883.

The 65th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at Jackson, beginning on Wednesday, the 14th day of February, 1883.

M. W. Frederick Speed, Grand Master, presided, and a large attendance of officers, past officers, representatives of the Grand Bodies, and members of Grand Lodge was present.

Out of a total number of Lodges in the jurisdiction of 294 there were 223 represented on the floor of Grand Lodge.

The address, with which the proceedings opened, is worthy of more extended comment and quotation than our space will permit us to give. The exordium forms an excellent, if brief, treatise upon the history, scope and utility of Masonic labours worthy of remark for its eloquence and good taste and vigor. "What has been done," he observes, "is perhaps of less importance than that which remains to be accomplished." The whole spirit of his exhortation is shown in the sentence when he remarks, "It is not given unto all of us to accomplish some great work by which our names shall be perpetuated after we are dead, but there is no man so humble or so devoid of talents that he may not accomplish something to make the world the better for his having lived in it."

The District Deputy System has failed to work well in the jurisdiction. "The Deputies themselves cannot afford, even if they had the disposition to visit Lodges at their own expense." He urges the abolition of the office and the concentration of the duties appertaining to the preserving the work in a Board, now existing, called "Custodians of the Work." His suggestion was approved. The Grand Lecturership in the opinion of the G. M. also needs revision in order to become more influential and efficient.

The financial position of the Grand Lodge, we regret to learn, is not as satisfactory as would be desirable. A careful study of the various sources of revenue, and great economy will be requisite in order to avoid the establishment of that very disagreeable institution —a debt. The energetic action of the Grand Lodge seems to have, for the present at least, relieved the treasury of embarrassment.

On the subject of Masonic burial of non-affiliates the learned G. M. reviews the constitution of the G. L. and Masonic jurisprudence

on the subject, generally coming to the conclusion that in that State, at any rate, the rule would be "that this class of Masons may receive but shall not have any claim to demand a right to Masonic privileges." The whole discussion on this and kindred points by the learned brother is able and interesting and, on the whole, would be heartily supported in Nova Scotia.

He very properly refused to convene the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Cotton Factory, "not regarding such a building as having that public character which should attach to a structure the corner-stone of which could be appropriately laid with the honors of Masonry."

The great loss sustained by the craft in the death P. D. G. Edmund T. Henry, is feelingly referred to, as well as that sustained in the decease of R. F. Bower, a distinguished Mason of Iowa, whose services to the Order in that jurisdiction can never be forgotten.

The Grand Secretary recommends the abolition of the Grand Representation system.

P. G. M., John Frizzel, Grand Secretary of Tennessee, visited Grand Lodge during its session and was cordially greeted.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona was recognised.

No. Lodges, 294; No. Members, 8,869.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence opens with an interesting disquisition on the subject "What is Masonry? or is Masonry Religion?" with which we, on the whole, agree, since though the learned Chairman fails to make of Masonry a religion, he quite warmly and effectively eulogises its functions and status in the economy of morals and of conduct.

Among the fifty Grand Lodge proceedings, all of which are quite fully, genially and impartially reviewed, Nova Scotia is briefly but most kindly and appreciatively noticed.

Masonry in Mississippi is in good hands and is ably administered in every department.

P. M Savary, of Baldwyn, M. W. Grand Master.

John L. Power, of Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary (re-elected).

J. M. Howry, P. G. M., (Representative of N. S.,) Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## MISSOURI—1882.

The 62nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri convened in Freemasons' Hall, in the City of St. Louis, October 10th, 1882.

The Grand Master, A. M. Dockery, presided. His address deals mainly with important topics of local interest. It is gratifying to learn that "the condition of the Craft is gratifying, and the outlook for the most part is encouraging for the future. The finances of the Grand Lodge have never been in so sound and satisfactory a condition. Being out of debt, with a *cash fund* on hand of more than twenty thousand dollars, I can speak with assurance and say that our fiscal affairs have been well and prudently managed." He closes with a warm eulogy upon the valuable services of his friend and trusted councillor, the Grand Secretary, Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D. Dr. Vincil, by his able efforts as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has made friends and admirers wherever his reports and writings are known.

The Committee on the Address, referring to the administration of M. W. Bro. Dockery, report: "The administration of Grand Master Dockery has been a successful one. The advancement made is owing to his wise and judicious conduct of affairs, and we commend to the Craft the vital principles alluded to in the closing words of his practical and sensible address. * * For his wise and conservative course he is entitled to the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, M. W. Bro. D. M. Browning, was introduced and warmly welcomed, and made a "cordial and eloquent" response.

The Board of Relief expended $2,428.81 during the year.

On October 11th R. W. Bro. James W. Boyd, Grand Orator, delivered an Oration before the Grand Lodge. This fine address, which occupied seven pages of the Proceedings, forms a splendid defence of the great value and beauty of Masonic principle and tendency, and we would freely quote from its numerous chaste and brilliant sentences, were we not restrained by the difficulty of making selections and by our own want of space. In the vote of thanks it is properly styled "the practical, instructive, appropriate and eloquent Oration."

Appreciative memorial reports from able committees on the subject of the death of the late P. G. M., Samuel H. Owens, and also of P. G. M., John Ralls, are published; the former is pathetically referred to as "Sam Owens, the noble, generous, trusting and to be trusted brother," and the latter as "a most able, industrious, diligent leader of the Craft; ever jealous of its honor and prosperity, ever anxious to promote its welfare and usefulness." "He lived well and he died well," they proudly report as they review the scenes and activities of the lives of each of these lamented brethren.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona was welcomed into the confraternity of Grand Lodges. A "Funeral Service" was approved of—copy of which is bound up in the Proceedings. The service differs slightly from that in use in Nova Scotia, and forms a most beautiful and impressive ritual for such sad occasions.

A proposition to reduce the fees for the three degrees in Subordinate Lodges, from *thirty* to *twenty* dollars, was defeated, and a proposed reduction of Grand Lodge dues from *fifty* to *twenty-five* cents, was also defeated.

Dr. Vincil's deliciously vivacious report on Foreign Correspondence, arouses our admiration, our jealousy, our despair. His spirit equals his insight, and his inflexible sense of justice is admirably tempered by a hearty sympathy with all his Masonic brethren every where. He reviews Nova Scotia briefly but fraternally. His reviews of the Proceedings of the larger Jurisdictions in the United States are admirable in every way.

Chartered Lodges, 504; No. Members, 23,789.

Grand Master, Rev. C. C. Woods, D. D., Kansas City.

Grand Secretary, Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D., St. Louis.

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## MONTANA — 1882.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at Butte City, September 30th, 1882, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Masonic Temple in that city. The ceremonies usual to such occasions followed.

The 18th Annual Communication was held on October 3rd, 1882. M. W. Thomas M. Pomeroy G. M., presiding and delivering an

address dealing mainly with matters of local interest. The Grand Secretary notes the pathetic incident that, after closing his address, he paused and added that something within seemed to admonish him that his work was ended and that he should never again meet his brethren in Grand Lodge. He closed by invoking Heaven's Blessing on his brethren. The memorial informs us that he died suddenly four days after the completion of his term of office. He was the first of fifteen Grand Masters and the first of them to die.

He died at the Post of Duty, having proved himself a true man. His features are delineated in an engraving published as a frontispiece to the Proceedings of 1882.

The Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, at the close of his interesting statement, expresses a reasonable expectation that an increase in the number of Lodges and of membership is soon to take place in Montana. He affectionately urges upon the Secretaries of Lodges to make careful returns and to study carefulness and promptitude.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported upon the application of the new Grand Lodge of Arizona for recognition, recommending recognition and introducing an enthusiastic resolution of welcome among the Grand Lodge Sisterhood. The resolutions were unanimously adopted. A resolution was also unanimously adopted expressive of approbation of the position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Utah, in reference to the Mormons.

The thanks of Grand Lodge were cordially tendered to the retiring Grand Master, making special allusion to his arduous labours in paying personal visits to the Lodges during his incumbency.

A ball was tendered to the members of Grand Lodge, which passed off most agreeably.

A Special Communication was held at Deer Lodge on October 12th, 1882, to attend the funeral of the late Grand Master Pomeroy, which was conducted with appropriate observances.

The review of Correspondence by R. W. Bro. Hedges, furnishes an excellent compendium of Masonic intelligence for the year, written in an attractive and lucid style, and conveying the views of the Committee with reference to Foreign affairs in a genial and sympathetic manner. He will be glad to learn that Nova Scotia is rallying from her depression.

We study the finances of Montana with admiration not unmixed with fraternal jealousy. With 25 Lodges and 887 members her dues in 1882 amounted to $2,656.

Grand Master, A. J. Davidson, Helena.

Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, Helena, (re-elected.)

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## NEBRASKA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of the "Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity," &c., of Nebraska, assembled in its 25th Annual Communication at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 20th, 1882.

M. W. James R. Cain, Grand Master, presided. His eloquent Address forcibly dwelt upon the peculiarities and growth of Masonry, shewing its important connection with the advancement and civilization of the human race. A large number of questions in Masonic law had been submitted to him during the year, to which his replies seem wise and satisfactory, yet he very pertinently observes that "If Masters and members of Lodges would only consult the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, instead of submitting every question to the Grand Master, the labor of that office would be materially lessened." The relations of Nebraska with the Grand Lodges "continue to be of the most cordial and fraternal nature." He suggests the adoption of several amendments to the constitution, and urges careful action looking to the making of the office of Grand Lecturer more practical and useful than heretofore. He also suggests the propriety of adopting a regulation prohibiting the naming of Lodges for or after any living person, and proposes a suitable increase to the salary of the Grand Secretary, whose increasing labours demand proper compensation.

The Lodges are in a good healthy condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted an able report on the circular letter issued by the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," which, although containing a slight error as to a fact, yet as regards its Masonic bearing is an excellent document. The paragraph beginning "From 'Canada,' as it was once known, have successively been carried out—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Quebec and P. E. Island," is in error as to its

historical statement, but the point made is none the less sound. The Committee reported against the recognition of the "G. L. of Ontario."

A resolution was passed appointing a Committee to arrange a programme for the suitable celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Organization of the Grand Lodge in Omaha. One thousand dollars was appropriated for the purpose!

An Oration from Bro. James S. Gilham is published, a production thoughtful, original and eloquent, well worthy of preservation and frequent perusal.

An excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 51 Grand Lodges, including Nova Scotia for 1881, is published. The *printer* causes Brother David C. *Mason* to be referred to. Brother *Moore* is the responsible man, although he is a *Mason* of high repute.

The articles on "Masonry in Ireland" and "Masonry in Germany" are unusually interesting—filled with information and suffused with a fine sense of humor highly delightful. We have read nothing of the kind recently more entertaining. We frankly say to Bros. P. G. M. M.'s Warren and Tulleys, "Your effort well repays perusal."

Grand Master, Edward F. Warren, of Nebraska City.

Grand Secretary, William R. Bowen, Omaha, (re-elected.)

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## NEVADA—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Nevada held two Special Grand Communications in 1881—the first in the town of Reno, in August, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Nevada Asylum for the Insane, and the second in the town of Gold Hill, in April, 1882, for the purpose of attending the burial of Past Grand Master George Robinson.

The 18th Annual Communication was held in the City of Virginia, June 13th, 1882, Horatio S. Mason, Grand Master, presiding. Nineteen duly chartered Lodges were represented, and an Address, dealing principally with local affairs, delivered by the Grand Master. "Among the notable Masons who have died," he

sympathizingly refers to our late Grand Master Crowe, as well as to the late D. J. M. Austin, William G. Tonn, and Tracy P. Cheever, three Grand Secretaries, three grand men whose loss is deeply felt in the jurisdictions of New York, Wyoming and Massachusetts, as well as elsewhere. The Foreign Correspondence, reported by the Grand Secretary, is full, entertaining, and thoroughly fraternal. Nova Scotia receives kindly and satisfactory notice. Our suggestion that *blue* be used for the covers of the Annual Reports is not received with that gravity which such a profound idea deserved. Bro. Hammond indulges in some merriment on the proposed extent to which symbolism may be carried. He advocates, with heartless levity, *blue* ink, and says that he once saw a man colored entirely *blue* who would make a remarkably *symbolic* Grand Master! An Address by P. G. M. Henry L. Fish, Grand Orator, is published in the appendix. It is, though brief, marked by research and philosophical earnestness, and well re-pays a careful perusal.

We rejoice to note that Masonry in Nevada is in a healthy condition. The indefatigable Grand Secretary has compiled a digest of decisions on Masonic Jurisprudence from the various Proceedings received by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which is of great interest and value.

Number of Lodges, 22; members, 1300.

Horatio S. Mason, Carson, Nevada, Grand Master, (re-elected.)

John D. Hammond, Carson, Nev., Grand Secretary, (re-elected.)

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## NEW BRUNSWICK—1883.

The 16th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in St. John on 24th April, 1883.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, is occupied chiefly with matters relating to the welfare of the Craft in his Jurisdiction, in which finances claim a large share. The great fire of 1877 having swept away most of the property of the Grand Lodge, it was determined to build a Masonic Temple. This was done, and the brethren in New Brunswick have had to exhibit much labour and self-denial in order to pay for it. This, we are glad to note, they are

now in a fair way of doing, and much credit is due to the Officers of Grand Lodge and to all concerned for the skill and perseverance which have so largely contributed to so satisfactory a result.

The Grand Secretary again reports all dues from Lodges fully paid. Bro. W. F. Bunting, late Grand Secretary, sets an example of noble liberality in donating for the second time one-half his salary to the fund of general purposes. Brother Bunting is a Mason whose name is widely known to the Craft in all parts of the world. He has served the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick faithfully and ably for many years, and it is with much pleasure that we note his election this year to the highest office within the power of the Craft to bestow. One labor of love which he has prosecuted in company with other prominent brethren has been the formation of a Masonic Library, to which many additions have been made during the past year.

This Jurisdiction is one of the smallest on the continent, having only 34 Lodges on its roll. But the spirit of unanimity and energy shewn by the brethren is worthy of imitation by all.

Officers for current year :—W. F. Bunting, Grand Master; T. Amos Godsoe, Deputy Grand Master; E. J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1882.

A Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Manchester, December 27th, 1881. The Grand Master and a large attendance of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge were present.

A Special Committee consisting of Brothers Joseph W. Fellows, N. W. Cumner and J. J. Bell, reported upon the death of the late Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Rev. James Adams, "a noble and pure-minded brother," one of those faithful, true-hearted souls whose devotion honors and dignifies any cause with which they are identified. He was 73 years of age at the time of his death, and had been for 28 years a consistent Mason.

The 93rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Concord on May 17th, 1882. Grand Master Frank A. McKean, presided.

He states that "the order has prospered, and a healthy increase maintained." The whole number admitted to membership during the year has been 274—the present memberhip, 7,841, showing a slight increase over the previous year.

Since the last Annual Communication five members of this Grand Body have died, viz., Past Grand Master James Wilson, who presided over the Grand Lodge in 1829, 1830 and 1831. He died May 29th, 1881, aged 84 years. Past D. D. G. M. Elijah Bingham, who died at the advanced age of 81 years. Grand Chaplain Adams, whose services to the Craft are referred to above. Past Grand Secretary A. R. Hatch, an eminent and learned Mason; and R. W. T. V. Wadsworth, who passed away at the very advanced age of 90 years, having served Masonry for 56 years in various offices and labours.

The reports of the six District Deputy Grand Masters show that faithful inspection work is being performed, and that Masonry in the Jurisdiction, though struggling in some districts under disadvantages, is yet, on the whole, healthy and prosperous.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, with powers and prerogatives of a Grand Lodge, is a very able document, thoroughly discussing the principles and history of Grand Lodge powers and rights in the formation and control of Subordinate Lodges.

The propriety of establishing a Masonic Orphans' Home was considered and a Committee appointed to report on the project at the next Annual Communication.

Bro. Charles E. Plaisted of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, who had been suspended by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct, was restored by the Grand Lodge "to his rights and privileges in Masonry," and the findings and sentence were set aside, as there was no evidence to sustain them.

R. W. Bro. Albert S. Wait, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia for 1881. Our great loss of that year is sympathetically alluded to, and for the information of the brethren in the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, extensive quotations are given from the Deputy Grand Master's address of that year.

Bro. Waits' observations throughout are strongly Catholic in spirit and pervaded by a fraternal spirit that renders them satisfying and attractive.

New Hampshire has 76 Lodges, 7,841 members, and is in a sound financial condition.

Grand Master, M. W. Alpheus W. Baker, Lebanon.

Grand Secretary, George P. Cleaves, Concord.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1883.

The 94th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Concord, May 16th, 1883. M. W. Alpheus W. Baker, G. M., R. W. George P. Cleaves, G. S.

94 Lodges on the list; 60 represented in Grand Lodge.

The organization of this Jurisdiction is very thorough, and the various officers perform their duties with energy and precision.

The Grand Master's address touches many points of interest to the Craft. We append one, which deserved notice. The question arose from a proposition to impose an annual tax of one dollar upon each member of the Lodge, from the avail of which watches were to be provided for the sick. The G. M. informally decided that such an amendment was not allowable. This informal opinion he presented to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which, in its report, sustained his judgment, in the following language:

"The principle is, that Masonry does her work, extends her aid and cares for her members purely as a charity. If a brother needs help, she gives it, if, in her judgment, such assistance is necessary. Should that help be to furnish assistants of such experience and skill as no brother at hand could render, and it becomes necessary to employ others, she does it, and pays therefor from her funds. If such funds are not in the treasury, she, through the instrumentality of Lodge organization, can assess her members, and raise the necessary amount. The power to tax in Masonry is founded on the right to require of her members to do the things necessary for the good and support of the institution, and to enable it to do its duty. All this relates to certainties and things existing, duties needed to be done, not contingencies which may never happen. The taxing of members of the particular Lodge to create a fund to be expended in some work however good, and which may never come, is to anticipate and compel members to bear a burden not called for by the present condition of the Lodge or its members, and is beyond the scope of the principle upon which the true Masonic work is founded."

The report of the Committee is supported by the views of an eminent Masonic writer, who says :

"It cannot be too strongly insisted on, that Freemasonry is not a benefit society, as is too often supposed. A benefit society is an insuranceoffice, into which men pay certain premiums, and from which they, in turn, receive, in the event of certain contingencies, certain pecuniary assistance. All Masonic relief, on the contrary, is voluntary, is dependent on the merits of the case, is fixed in amount by no hard and fast lines, is given silently and unostentatiously, and is, in short, 'charity' in the truest import of the word. That the Order should ever degenerate into a benefit society, or should offer a means of escape from the consequences of idleness or improvidence, is repugnant to the feelings of every loyal Mason."

It cannot but be matter for congratulation to our brethren of New Hampshire, that they have taken the initiatory steps in an enterprise which, as time progresses, it may be hoped will be imitated in every Masonic Jurisdiction. It is that of a Masonic Orphans' Home. None who have seen the beneficent workings of similar institutions in the Mother Country will fail to appreciate the great blessings they bestow on the fatherless and poor who are entitled to their help. The Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge recommend the procuring of an Act of Incorporation, which shall include the making of the Grand Master *ex officio* President of the corporation, together with other Grand Officers and the Masters of Lodges, thereby establishing intimate relations with the fraternity throughout the State. The Institution will depend on voluntary contributions, and will in no sense be a burden upon the funds of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge, by resolution, approved the report, and directed the Committee to apply forthwith to the Legislature for a Charter, and to complete the organization.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have presented a voluminous and masterly report, the perusal of which cannot fail to be of much service to the Order generally. We have at times doubted the usefulness of expensive and lengthy reports of Foreign Correspondence. If anything would reconcile us to the principle, though it be sometimes abused, it would be such reports as that of this Grand Lodge, which we do not hesitate to characterize as a model of such compositions.

## NEW JERSEY—1883.

The 96th Annual Grand Communication was held in Trenton, January 24th, 1883, M. W. Grand Master William Hardacre, in the Grand East.

Two steel engravings adorn the volume, portraits of P. G. M. W. E. Pine, and (in memoriam) P. G. M. Rev. Marshall B. Smith, D. D. The writer desires to offer his personal sympathy to the brethren in New Jersey for the loss of this brother, to whom he was formerly known.

Rev. Dr. Gaston, in his able address over the remains of our deceased Brother, said of him: "The general features of Dr. Smith's character were perfectly obvious. Devoid of all hypocrisy as he characteristically was, no study was needed to ascertain 'whose he was, and whom he served.' He was naturally very cheerful and lively, rendering his society at all times agreeable. But yet there was often coupled with this, a tinge of melancholy and depression, which took its rise no doubt from the severe bodily ailments to which he had long been subject. Notwithstanding this, however, he was seldom seen without a smiling face, indicative of the warm feelings of a kind friend. His natural disposition was remarkably amiable, for he combined the purity and gentleness of a woman's heart, with the strength and firmness of a man's, in very rare and beautiful proportions. He had a softness and sweetness of manner, and delicacy of feeling, which, to the casual observer, would not at first indicate that inflexible firmness of purpose which he always manifested in determining questions of duty. He was likewise endowed with a strong, clear mind, which he cultivated with assiduous success, and in consequence of which he attained to a large amount of general information. He longed for the acquisition of knowledge and sought for it with unceasing avidity, and labored in its pursuit with unquenchable ardor. His mind was highly cultivated by reading, reflection, observation and intercourse with refined and intelligent society. All the productions of his pen—and they were many, and upon various subjects—bear the stamp of accurate scholarship, great research, as well as of refined taste. To the poor and suffering he freely gave, not money, merely, but also sympathy, counsel and labor for their good. To the interests of the great enterprises of benevolence which adorn the age he devoted much time and labor. He was an active and liberal friend of education. His whole public life in the different fields of labor in which he engaged, attests the purity and loftiness of its tone and purpose."

The following decisions are worthy of notice:

"1st. A person who is blind in one eye, but who is still possessed of sufficient eyesight to enable him to do Masonic work, (being otherwise eligible), may be made a Mason.

2nd. A motion instructing the representative of a Lodge to vote for certain specified candidates, at the annual election for officers of the Grand Lodge,

would be out of order, and should not therefore, be entertained by the Worshipful Master.

3rd. When any irregularity has been practised by a Lodge, in suspending members for non-payment of dues, the Grand Master only is empowered to declare such suspension null and void.

4th. A lamb-skin or white leather apron is the only proper Masonic apron in this jurisdiction.

5th. When an application for initiation or membership is formally presented to a Lodge, it becomes the duty of the Worshipful Master to appoint an investigating committee, without the action of the Lodge."

Nova Scotia (1881, 1882,) is fraternally noticed in the Review of Foreign Correspondence, with kindly sympathy on M. W. Brother Crowe's removal, and favourable mention of our Reports. It is not amongst the *least* pleasurable of our memories that in 1860 and 1861 we frequently visited Burlington, No. 32.

M. W. and Rev. H. Vehslage, Grand Master, Irvington.

R. W. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

Lodges, 154 ; members, 11,946.

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## NEW MEXICO—1882.

The 5th Annual Grand Communication was held at Alburquerque, December 19. Grand Master Waldo being absent, as also Deputy Grand Master Dinkel. The throne was occupied by R. W. G. S. W. Al. J. Fountain.

Masonry seems to be healthy in New Mexico—and the controversy with Grand Lodge of Missouri having happily come to an end —all things are harmonious.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is full and able. Nova Scotia's Proceedings cannot have reached the Committee. No Representatives have been appointed near our respective Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 10 ; members, 296.

M. W. Grand Master, John B. Wootten, Las Vegas.

R. W. Grand Secretary, David J. Miller, Santa Fé.

## NEW YORK—1882.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, at its one hundred and first Annual Communication, forms a compact and interesting volume. The Communication was held in the City of New York, June 6th, 1882.

Grand Master Horace S. Taylor delivered an Address, dealing with a large number of important subjects, and alluding appropriately to the distinguished Masonic services of the late Grand Secretary, James M. Austin, who had served the Grand Lodge of New York for twenty-seven consecutive years with signal faithfulness and ability. He observes that "to him, more than to almost any other man, does the Masonic fraternity in the State of New York owe its prosperity and its influence." Bro. Austin was a man of high attainments, whose name was almost a "household word" among those who had anything to do with Foreign Correspondence. The condition ot Masonry in New York is stated to be healthy. An interesting correspondence is published between the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, and the Grand Master of the State of New York, respecting an interchange of representatives. "Close and friendly relations" were thereupon established, which all must hope, "will be perpetuated between the two Grand Lodges." He announced that the serious differences which had for nearly ten years existed between Connecticut and New York are at an end. Harmony being now established, we agree with both Grand Lodges in the desire that it may never again be disturbed. The Grand Master, in language none too strong, condemns the struggle for office and for titular distinctions which too frequently injure Masonry, by creating jealousies and strife, and by foisting into responsible posts brethren who have not shewn themselves by long service and experience capable of fitly discharging the duties of high Masonic places.

A splendid, yet discriminating eulogy on the services and character of the late Grand Secretary Austin was delivered by Bro. John L. Lewis.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters shew a large amount of supervisory work accomplished during the year. An able review of Foreign Correspondence is appended. The discussions and

arguments under "Iowa" are marked by great research, and are replete with information. No more interesting and at the same time profound review of the important questions involved has come under our notice.

The Grand Lodge of New York represents an immense constituency of over 72,000 Masons. Its financial and charitable interests are immense, and its position in this opinion is such that it is always able to command the devoted services of men of high social position and of cultivated minds to the management of its delicate and complex interests.

Number of Lodges, 714.

Grand Master, Benjamin Flagler, Suspension Bridge.

Grand Secretary, Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.

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## NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

The 96th Annual Communication was held at Raleigh, Dec. 5, 1882, M. W. Grand Master Henry F. Grainger in the Grand East.

The Grand Master is rightly proud of the Orphan Asylum :—

"The good which this institution has accomplished, to say nothing of that which is to follow, cannot be approximately estimated by any human calculation. Everybody is proud of the Orphan Asylum. Many who never contributed a farthing for its support delight to boast of it as one of the greatest institutions in our State, and seem to think it is doing so much good and so indispensable that, with just a little aid, it will run itself; and that Bro. Mills has, as superintendent, the easiest and most desirable position in all the land. This is a great mistake. This is indeed an incessant laborious work, not unfrequently attended with the most perplexing and embarrassing cares and difficulties. He sometimes needs and solicits counsel, and, when that which is deemed best is determined on, undertakes it with all his might. Few men, if any, could have done better, if as well as he. During my two terms as Grand Master I have made eight official visits to the Asylum to look after its interest and to give such counsel and assistance to the Superintendent as I could. He has extended to me the most fraternal welcome and the fullest opportunities to inspect the management and workings. The sanitary condition of the premises is, and has been kept good. The health, as well as the mental and moral culture of the children, is the constant object of his anxious care and diligence. The deportment of the children as a rule, so far as I have been able to judge, has been good. To my successor, I commend the Superintendent, teachers and orphans, and bid him God speed in the great work he will find awaiting him at the very beginning of his official career."

Our representative, P. D. G. M. Kenan was in his place.

There was a Special Communication May 20th, to lay the corner-stone of an addition to Wake County Court House. Bro. F. H. Busbee delivered an able address. He said :—

"It is not because Free Masonry is an ancient and honorable institution, whose members have always been identified with, and promoters of, the progress of Wake county from her earliest days; it is not because the brethren of the craft, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the county, form so considerable a portion of her stalwart citizenship—not for these reasons has the significant ceremony we have witnessed to-day been entrusted to the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina.

There is no preference given to Masonry above her kindred fraternities save a just recognition of her origin and her history. We so often look upon Masonry merely as a benevolent brotherhood, that we fail to pay due honor to her birth and her traditions. More than six hundred years ago there were bands or organizations of master builders, cunning workmen, architects, who travelled from one part of western Europe to another, building the great works of Gothic architecture which are still the delight and admiration of the cultivated world. These societies of Masons, claiming an unknown antiquity, had their architectural and other secrets, their signs and symbols, their legends and mysteries, and from time to time eminent men were admitted as honorary members of the order. In the course of years, but very gradually, the operative character of Masonry became merged in speculative Free Masonry, the great charitable brotherhood, whose membership extends to every civilized country in the world. But at times such as these we seem to have the curtains of the ages rolled back, and the older labors of the order again rise before us. The aprons again are worn to protect us from untempered mortar; the deputy master, and wardens, with square, and level and plumb, test the accuracy of the builders' work. And when the trowel rings clear, and the stone is declared right and perfect from the triple trial, we have proceeded to the dedication as in the days of old. These rites and ceremonies are not the invention of to-day, nor are they idle mummery devoid of deep symbolic meaning. You have seen the procession of the Lodge, the test, and the consecration by the three elements —corn, wine and oil. Each of these has its peculiar and distinctive meaning. Corn is typical of the daily nourishment which is essential to our existence, and for which we are taught to lift up our voices in daily prayer. Corn also symbolizes plenty, especially when represented as a sheaf suspended near a running stream. But its deeper and more precious signification is the idea of the truth of the doctrine of the Resurrection, which it beautifully embodies, as it springs up in its waving beauty of leaf and fruitage from the bare grain.

Wine has from remotest ages been a symbol of cheerfulness and joy, reminding us of the benevolence of the loving Father who gives us the fruits of this earth for our enjoyment. But as the wine was poured out sparingly, we are forcibly taught the cardinal virtues of temperance which are ever impressed upon the Masonic student.

Oil is the token of peace and prosperity, involving more especially the idea of our dependence upon God for the blessings of good government. It has always been used in eastern countries as the chief element of consecration. The stone which Jacob used as his pillow in Bethel, when he saw in his dream the ladder upon which the angels ascended and descended, he sat up as a pillar and consecrated it with oil. Oil was poured upon Aaron's head and ran down upon his beard, and went down to the skirts of his garments, and Samuel, as he blessed the youthful son of Jesse, anointed him with holy oil."

On page 44 we read :—" Bro. J. C. L. Harris submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was read in part and order to be printed with these proceedings ;" but we were led to ask : " Oh where and oh where is the document gone ?" and after search we find :—

" Just before the late Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge I was assigned the duty of preparing the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, requiring the review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges for the year 1882. Professional engagements and sickness in my family have prevented the completion of the report. It is not proper to longer delay the publication of the Proceedings. The report will not, therefore, appear with the Proceedings, but will be prepared by the earliest day possible to be issued as a separate pamphlet. I very much regret the delay.

J. C. L. Harris."

We hope that Brother Harris is now free from family sickness.

Lodges, 187 ; members, 6,211 returned.

M. W. Grand Master, Robert Bingham, Bingham School.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.

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## OREGON—1882.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon met in its thirty-second Annual Communication in the City of Portland, on June 12th, 1882.

Present, the M. W. Grand Master, Geo. McD. Stroud, the Grand Officers and Representatives of sixty Chartered Lodges.

In his address, the Grand Master takes a cheerful view of the circumstances and prospects of Masonry in Oregon ; refers to the fraternal dead in kind and thoughtful terms, and dwells eloquently upon the subject of Masonic Charity.

"There are," he observes, "Masons whose charity makes up for the charity wanting in others." "Charity,' he remarks, "is the creation of occasion. It is exercised only when there is an occasion for it. And then often that occasion is made the scene of the worst form of uncharitableness." * * "The more intelligent we become the more Masonic Charity will govern us. That love we all need and that mercy we all expect we should mete out to our brothers at all times." He urged upon his brethren the claims of a broad and comprehensive spirit of courtesy towards each other and towards all members of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formally recognized, and by resolution welcomed among the Great Body of Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

The address of Grand Orator, J. K. Weatherford, is published among the Proceedings. Starting with the proposition that "it is the peculiar mission and province of Masonry to lead mankind to a higher and nobler life," the speaker proceeds in a lucid and attractive style to set forth the various means by which she accomplished that object, and to draw from the history of the past lessons to guide her future course. He eloquently says, "The fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has kept pace with the progress of the time; has grown in stature until it numbers the vows that have been registered before its altar by the thousands. Within this country there are fifty Grand Lodges with a membership of over one-half million, all working under the same laws and in substantially the same manner; while in all climes where civilization has gone, Masonry has led the van.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence ably reviews the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges, concluding with a most interesting and sensible monograph on the subject of "non-affiliates," by the Chairman, R. W. Bro. S. F. Chadwick. Nova Scotia is quite fully and fraternally noticed.

Total No. Lodges, 66; Membership, 2,763.

Grand Master, M. W. J. N. Dolph, Portland.

Grand Secretary, R. W. F. J. Babcock, Salem, (re-elected.)

## PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

Quarterly Communications were held at Philadelphia March 1st, 1882; June 7th, 1882; September 6th, 1882; December 6th, 1882; an extra, June 24th, 1882, and the Annual Grand, December 27th, 1882. R. W. Grand Master Dick in the Grand East on all occasions.

The Communication on St. John's day was called to meet—fitly to commemorate the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1732. Bro. Hon. P. Church delivered the address, from which we quote:

"On St. John's Day, 24th June, in the year of Light 5732, there was held for the first time in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in this City of Philadelphia, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons; and at the same time Grand Officers for its government were duly chosen.

There had been, indeed, prior to that time, Masons sojourning here who used to meet together as a Lodge under the auspices of a Grand Lodge of England.

Yet this day, one hundred and fifty years ago, is to us, as Pennsylvania Masons, "The Beginning of Days." (It is a coincidence to be noticed in passing, that it was then, as it is now, the Saturday of the week.)

Our present Grand Lodge derives its real origin from "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, 'according to the Old Constitutions,' granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord 926."

The Grand Warrant of our authority was issued on the 20th June, 1764.

The Grand Lodge thus organized remained as a Provincial Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, known as the "Ancients," until, on the 25th of September, 1786, it was unanimously resolved by the members that it was improper that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should remain any longer under the authority of any foreign Grand Lodge; and thus the old Provincial Grand Lodge became an institution of the past.

Immediately thereupon a Grand Convention was formed to take proper steps for the establishment of a truly independent Grand Lodge; and there was then adopted, with like unanimity, an ordinance that the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

This official title, somewhat quaint, and still unchanged, differing, as I believe it does, from that of any of our sister Grand Lodges, sufficiently indicates that this Grand Lodge claimed and exercised Masonic Jurisdiction outside the Province and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This Jurisdiction was thus exercised by the Provincial Grand Lodge in warranting Subordinate Lodges in

many adjoining and distant Colonies, in the Island of Hayti, in regiments of the Continental Army, and even of the British Army.

This Grand Lodge, after it attained its independence, granted warrants to Subordinate Lodges in many distant States, in the West India Islands, in Mexico, in different countries in South America, and in the United States Army. Many of these Lodges became extinct, and many became subsequently attached to other Masonic Jurisdictions.

The Act of Independence of our Grand Lodge was gracefully acknowledged and fraternally recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge of England. In their congratulatory letter of brotherly love and of Godspeed, occurs a passage so happily freighted with "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," that I may be pardoned for quoting it: "Having perused," they say, "your book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our Order, reflects honor on its original founders. * * We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge, we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Masonic authority within your Jurisdiction, which we ourselves possessed within ours; amenable to no superior Jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable Landmarks of the Order. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily free, independent, and equipolent within their respective Jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority, or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio.*"

Of this counsel, coming from our Alma Mater, this Grand Lodge has ever been mindful. As the instructive words of a prudent father sink deep into the heart and understanding of an obedient and respectful child, so did this Grand Lodge, in its youth, cherish this message of wisdom from our ancient and honorable ancestor."

Benjamin Franklin was Grand Master in 1735, as we learn from the address of Hon. T. J. Clayton.

Other addresses were delivered by Bro. S. Harper, G. M. Dick, Bro. Governor Hoyt, Bro. Judge Williams, Bro. Simpson Africa. Music and odes divided the addresses; while the "Invocation" or Prayer was offered by the Rt. Reverend Bro. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., G. C., Bishop of Pittsburgh.

From the Grand Master's address at the Grand Annual Communication, we quote as excellent:—

"It is with feelings of peculiar emotion, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that I address you formally as your Grand Master for the last time. The record of the past two years is made up, and the book is sealed. No power can blot out what has been. The past is irrevocable. We can only survey the road we have travelled, and note the manifest mercies and many blessings showered upon us by the Beneficent Father whom we acknowledge and adore as the Creator

and Protector of all things; and, at the same time recognize the errors into which we, through our own weakness, have fallen, and the shortcomings and deficiencies of our own conduct. Thus a serious consideration of the things which have been will awaken in us a profound reverence for God, and a devout thankfulness to Him who orders all things by the word of His power, and who watches over and protects those who trust in Him, and an humble sense of our dependence upon His goodness and guidance to lead us in the right way, and to enable us to do our duty in those stations of life to which He has seen fit to call us. The fundamental truths of religion upon which our Fraternity is founded, and of which it was almost the sole repository in the remote past, are so far parts of its very constitution that it cannot exist without them. Masonry without God is a body without a soul; an empty casket from which the jewel it was meant to contain has been taken away. It has no longer any reason to exist."

The new Grand Master was installed and delivered an able address. He said, *inter alia*:—

"The practice of electioneering for official honors, not only in Subordinate Lodges, but in this Grand Lodge, has attracted the attention of every incoming Grand Master for many years past, and has received and merited their condemnation, which I heartily approve of, and concur in. The practice still continues, but I am inclined to think that a more healthy sentiment on this subject is beginning to prevail, and that personal solicitation for votes is becoming detrimental to the promotion of those who use this method for endeavoring to gain official advancement.

I hope it may soon cease entirely, and that in the selection of officers we may return to the practice of our Brethren as set forth in the "Extracts from the ancient records of Lodges beyond sea," to wit:

'All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised.'"

How is it we have no Representative near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania?

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally notices Nova Scotia, and speaking of our last report says: "Its brevity perhaps, detracts nothing from its value," a compliment we can afford to return—as twenty lines more than covers what Bro. Vaux has to say of us.

No. Lodges, 377; No. Members, 35,073.

M. W. Grand Master, Conrad B. Day, Masonic Temple, Pa.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Michael Nisbet, Masonic Temple, Pa.

## QUEBEC—1883.

An Emergent Meeting was held at West Shefford, May 18, A. D. 1882, to lay the corner-stone of St. John's Church, (Church of England,) which was done by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, G. M., Rev. H. W. Nye, P. G. C., acting as Grand Chaplain.

The 13th Annual Communication was held in the City of Quebec, 31st January, 1883, the M. W. Grand Master on the throne. We do not see the name of our representative, R. W. Thomas Wood,—at least he is the brother whose name appears in the Nova Scotia proceedings, while the Quebec book names R. W. Brother S. Kennedy,—for whom we also look in vain. On the subject of Grand Representatives the Grand Master speaks thus:—

"Being of the opinion that our inter-Grand Lodge representation, as heretofore constituted, was not productive of as much benefit to this Grand Body or to the Grand Lodges with whom we are in correspondence, as seems desirable, I conferred by letter with the grand representatives at Quebec, as to the advisability of so far remodelling the present system as that each representative should hold but one commission from a sister Grand Lodge, and that each be required to perform certain duties promotive of jurisdictional and inter-jurisdictional benefit. In these suggestions nearly all our representatives cheerfully and promptly acquiesced. They fully concurred in the idea of seeking to make the office useful as well as ornamental, and expressed their willingness to relinquish their duplicate or triplicate commissions. I thereupon suggested to the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges in whose representation at Quebec vacancies had thus occurred, the names of other well-skilled brethren of our jurisdiction for their appointment. It seemed to me, also, that a Grand Representative at Quebec, having removed from the Province, and being a non-attendant at the Communications of this Grand Lodge, ought not, in general, to be continued in the office of Grand Representative at this Grand Body. The Grand Secretary, in his report, will be able to communicate how far these matters have been carried out. I further directed the Grand Secretary to forward circular letters to each Grand Representative near Quebec, and to request each to send a copy of the same to the Grand Representative of Quebec at the sister Grand Lodge represented by him, containing various suggestions as to certain duties which they might perform for the promotion of the welfare of this Grand Body, of the Grand Lodges which they represent, and of the craft in general. A copy of this will be submitted to Grand Lodge. I beg also to recommend Grand Lodge to consider the advisability of making something like the above a permanent regulation, and also as to whether it would not be well to do as the Grand Lodge of Vermont has recently done, namely, fix, say five or seven years as the maximum length of the term of office of a Grand Representative, and that at the end of said period, it be arranged with the sister Grand

Bodies that the commission then expire, or that the brother be continued in the office for another like period. I commend the whole subject to the consideration of Grand Lodge,"

The following from the Grand Master's address is very interesting:

"Assembled here in Grand Lodge, we cannot forget that it was in this famous old city of Quebec, where our illustrious R. W. Brother the Duke of Kent, and father of our beloved Queen, presided over the craft as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, English Registry, having been installed June 22, 1792. To make the remembrance of this interesting Masonic event the more pleasing, I need but remind the officers and members of this Grand Lodge that on the occasion of the happy union of the remaining 'Canada' lodges in our Province with this Grand Body, there were transmitted to us, through me as the then Grand Master, by the late M. W. Brother T. D. Harington, as our proper inheritance, an antique masonic 'square' of gold, having a 'brilliant' at the angle, and having thereon this inscription: 'The gift of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first R. W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse: 'R. W. Grand Lodge Lower Canada." And also a large key of fine gold, with 'monogram' surmounted by a 'crown,' the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge, of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William IV.

These precious relics we highly prize. You will find them for inspection, during this Communication upon the desk of the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master, in his address in 1875, called attention to the presentation of these jewels, but it seemed to me to be most fitting to make more full reference to them on the memorable occasion of our present assembly in this ancient capital.

And while with great satisfaction we call to remembrance the auspicious rule as Provincial Grand Master of our R. W. and Royal Brother, and while we so highly prize these precious momentoes of his masonic reign which we possess, yet the memory of his sojourn in this grand old city will, I believe, be cherished as fondly amongst us as citizens and craftsmen by the two following patriotic and fraternal utterances which have come down to us, and which I know you will be pleased to have me make mention of at the present time, in order that they may, through you, be transmitted to the coming generations of craftsmen.

On an important occasion and amidst peculiar circumstances, during a brief address, with deep emotion he said: 'Let there never more be heard amongst you the words, 'the king's old and new subjects,' 'the French and the English inhabitants;' *you are all the king's Canadian subjects.*' And at another time while presiding in Lodge, a brother, in speaking upon a question, addressed him as 'Your Royal Highness,' whereupon the R. W. Provincial Grand Master said, 'Worshipful Brother, there are no Royal Highnesses here, *we are all brethren.*'"

Several decisions of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia are favorably quoted in the Foreign Correspondence Report.

Lodges, 59; members, 2768.

M. W. Grand Master, E. R. Johnson, Stanstead.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John H. Isaacson, Montreal, (re-elected).

## SOUTH CAROLINA—1882.

One hundred and sixth Annual Communication, December 12, 1882. John D. Kennedy, Grand Master; Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary. 138 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's Address is short and to the point, and is chiefly occupied with financial questions. His remarks on special dispensations are worthy of note:—

"Such applications should only be made when the nature of the case absolutely demands it. Hasty making of Masons is wrong and injurious to the Order. Besides creating a disposition to negligence, it may be made to work injustice to brethren of Lodges who may not be apprised of such requests. Deliberation, care and close scrutiny are essential to the healthful and conservative growth of any Lodge. Such applications are to be discouraged."

No decisions are given—which is indicative of harmony and conservatism within the Jurisdiction.

An able Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted, in which Nova Scotia receives kindly mention, and a just tribute of respect is paid to the Late Grand Master Allen H. Crowe.

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## TENNESSEE—1883.

Sixty-Ninth Annual Communication, January 13th, 1883. Nathan S. Woodward, G. M.; John Frizzell, G. S.; Lodges represented, 284; Members present, 391.

There are 16,684 members in this Jurisdiction, the past year shewing an increase of 907.

The Grand Master's address is a model of good sense and clear writing. His decision on the relation of non-affiliated Masons to the Craft will commend itself:—

"The troublesome question of non-affiliation (which has received the earnest consideration of almost every meeting of our Grand Lodge since its organization) has been repeatedly brought to my attention by communications from Subordinate Lodges. In the face of Edict 50, I was asked, by order of a Lodge, "Has a member of a Lodge dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues a right to visit a Lodge?" This was followed by the question, "What relation does a non-affiliated Mason sustain to the Craft?'

*Answer.* He has no *Lodge rights.* He cannot *of right* visit a Lodge, or participate in festivals, processions, funeral services, or any affairs conducted by the Lodge *as such.* He may, by permission of the Worshipful Master, as a courtesy, visit, &c., under the restrictions set forth in Edict 50. Himself and family are not entitled to relief from a Lodge fund. He is under the penal jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or that of any Lodge in a city where two or more exist.

The general or individual privileges of a non-affiliate as a Mason remain, to a certain extent, unimpaired. They are derived from our obligations, and while he remains a man of good moral character we cannot release ourselves from the contract. The unaffiliated Mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the claims and duties appertaining to him as an individual member of the Fraternity. Hence, himself and family have claims upon us as individual Masons. The language of our obligations with regard to relief does not refer exclusively to members of Lodges. The reference is to all worthy Masons. Our charities as Masons should not be confined strictly to Lodge-members, or bounded by Lodge or Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. Our pecuniary ability and the necessities of our dependent families are the only restrictions under which we, as members of the Universal Brotherhood, are placed."

The vexed question of "non-payment of dues" is dealt with in the following way:—

"This is a practice which has of late years become very general among Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. In examining closely into the causes to which we may attribute the rapid decrease in membership and consequent weakness of a majority of our Lodges, I reach the conclusion that the too free use of this rule has been a most fruitful source of evil. Its destructive effects are not confined to small or weak Lodges; many of the largest and strongest have gone down before it, and are now either reduced to a low state of vitality, or have entirely ceased to exist. I am familiar with the operations of this rule as a remedy for non-payment of dues in a Lodge which at one time was numbered with the strongest and brightest in the State. The result has been a reduction of the membership from about two hundred and twenty-five to one-third of that number. The evil effects of the practice do not cease with the loss of members in arrears. Those who remain loyal to their obligations soon become aware that their burdens have been increased by the rapid decrease in membership. They feel its inadequacy as a remedy for the evil to which it has been applied, and losing confidence in the ability of the Lodge to enforce its regulations, they retire in disgust from affiliation. It is a too convenient resort for incompetent and irresolute officers in clearing the Lodge-books of arrearages. I believe the whole practice to be unwise and inexpedient. I have observed with feelings of painful regret the operation of the rule on brethren whose delinquencies arise from causes widely different, and must say its effects are pernicious in every case, and always result in harm to the Lodge. . . . . I would suggest to the Lodges in Tennessee a different course, and one which I

have seen employed with happy effects. When brethren are able to pay dues, but are so lost to every sense of duty and honesty as to refuse to pay them, prefer charges against them, and suspend or expel them for defrauding the Lodge. Cut them off from every right or privilege, and disgrace them in the eyes of the Masons in the community in which they reside. They will then realize that Masonry has the power to compel obedience, to enforce obligations, and, when necessary, to inflict punishment. There are but few members of a Lodge who are so hardened as not to feel the importance of an effort to escape this penalty. And now, my brethren, how should we, as Masons, in the light of our obligations, and the earnest admonitions so frequently repeated in our Lodge-rooms to practice brotherly love and relief, conduct ourselves toward our brethren who are struggling against poverty? Shall we thrust them out? Every tenet we profess as Masons forbids the heartless act. Forgive them, rather, for past arrearages, and continue their names on the rolls, if they will promise to exert themselves to meet future liabilities. Such generous conduct will spur them to make good their promises, and will save them to the Lodge and the Fraternity."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is lengthy and well condensed. Nova Scotia is not mentioned.

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## TEXAS—1882.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge form an imposing volume. The position of Grand Master in this Jurisdiction is no sinecure. There are 571 Lodges on the roll, besides 3 working under dispensation. The vast and varied work thus laid upon the Grand officers appears to he discharged with much zeal and ability.

The Grand Master's address fills 32 pages of closely printed matter, and covers a large number of questions important in the highest degree to the Craft under his care.

A large number of decisions are given, all of which show a close adherence to the landmarks and constitution of Freemasonry. None of them, perhaps, are concerned with matters new to experienced Masons, but rather indicate that in slightly differing form the same questions are continually recurring. We subjoin one which is interesting to all Masons, and which is wisely dealt with:

"*Question*—'What shall be done with those brethren who deny the Divine authenticity of the Bible? Shall charges be preferred against all such?'

Now, while it does seem to me that though the doctrine of this Grand Lodge, upon that subject, has been time and again so plainly and emphatically expressed,

as formulated in Resolution 127, that there cannot possibly arise a reasonable doubt in regard to it, yet I am aware that there are among us those who differ with me; who believe that Resolution 127 is at variance with the landmarks of the Order, and who say that, sooner or later, the Grand Lodge must recede from the position it has taken and now holds. Because, first, I regarded it as the law; and, secondly, because it was in full accord with my own views. I have in my answer adopted a portion of the language of your Committee in their thorough and exhaustive reports (Masonic Jurisprudence, pages 99–117) upon this question: 'Let no action be taken with regard to a member so long as his conduct in the Lodge, and out of it, conforms to the moral law and the principles and usages of Masonry.' And I added: 'But if there be in your District a Mason who publicly avows or boasts of his disbelief in the Divine authenticity of the Bible, thereby bringing reproach upon the Institution and giving offence to its members, and the fact that he does so can be established, order charges for *gross unmasonic conduct* to be preferred against him at once, preside yourself at the trial, and should the proof adduced thereat establish his guilt, and the Lodge refuse to inflict the *severest* penalty, appeal from its decision to the M. W. Grand Lodge. For, in the language of a former Grand Master, 'the Indian, the Mohammedan or the Hindoo,' and I add, or for that matter, the citizen of any other nationality may all make good Masons in their respective localities, but here in Texas we seek no Masonic fellowship with any man who denies a belief in the Divine authenticity of that Book which we say to the world we take as a rule and guide to our faith and practice, nor with him who repudiates that God in whom, upon the very threshold of the Masonic Temple, we are taught to put our trust."

Another is of a peculiar nature, and deals with an offence happily not common:

"Mr. A. lived in this country fifteen years ago. He had been married but a short time. He was away from home and a neighbor went there and grossly insulted his wife. When A. learned of the circumstances he armed himself and went and killed the offender. He disappeared from here, went to another section, assumed a different name, and under this assumed name was admitted, passed and raised to the Third Degree in Masonry. He afterwards returned, stood his trial and was acquitted, and assumed his proper name. He is an honorable, high-toned gentleman and one of our best citizens. What would be the proper course to set him right?

*Answer.*—The killing by A. cuts no figure in the case. The question comes up squarely. A. was made a Mason under one (an assumed) name and now wishes to be recognized as such under his proper (right) name. What would be the proper course to set him right? In accordance with Resolution 153, page 73, Masonic Jurisprudence of Texas, 'To affiliate, a Mason must file his dimit with his petition, or reasonably account for his failing to do so.' If, then, A. produces a dimit in the assumed name, and then *satisfactorily* explains to the Lodge to which he applies for membership why the assumed name, and not the true one, appears in the dimit; that he is the person for whom it was intended, and therefore given, the Lodge may receive and ballot upon the petition as upon any other. He (A.)

cannot be considered a clandestinely made Mason, if the Lodge which conferred the Degrees upon him was regularly constituted. *The character or standing of the Lodge conferring the Degrees, if done regularly and in accordance with the manner of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, determines his status with reference to the Brotherhood.* It is true that the Lodge of which he (the applicant) is a member, or the one within whose jurisdiction he may reside, may either of them, prefer charges against him for applying for and receiving the Degrees under, or in, an assumed name, and in so doing practising a fraud; if the facts be such as warrant such a course."

We conclude by quoting a portion of the Grand Master's address which gives wholesome advice to the Craft, and is much needed in all Jurisdictions:

Let me, my brethren, urge you to greater zeal in the noble cause of Free Masonry. Do not, I beg you, slumber over its great moral virtues, its lofty aims, its pure teachings, and its soul-ennobling principles. Strive to arouse the whole Fraternity for the full and complete accomplishment of its high and holy mission.

Free Masonry, like our holy religion, whose hand-maid it is, should stand as a bulwark immovable and impregnable, against which the filthy, polluting tidal wave of vice, corruption, and immorality now sweeping with the speed of the wind all over the land may harmlessly break and exhaust itself. Following the tracks of more than a hundred railroads, 'tis ramifying and permeating into every nook and corner of our great State, and among the good, brings also upon its crest much of the very "offscouring of creation." To guard against such, therefore, let us redouble our vigilance and increase our usefulness. Let us draw more tightly about our own wayward and forgetful brethren the lines of duty, and examine with the most rigid scrutiny the moral character of all those who seek to pass our portals, to be instructed in our arcana and to enjoy our privileges."

Grand Master for current year, Charles Stewart.

Grand Secretary, Geo. H. Bringhurst.

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## UTAH — 1883.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held in Salt Lake City, on Saturday, 23rd Sept., 1882, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of "Hammond Hall," for the use of the schools of the city. The exercises were conducted with the full and impressive ceremonies of the Order. An Oration was delivered by Past Grand Master Philip Henry Emerson.

The 12th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge began in Salt Lake City, Jan. 16th, 1883, M. W. William Fletcher James, G. M., presiding. In his able and interesting address Grand Master

James, after referring in suitable terms to the importance of the occasion and to the fraternal dead, proceeded to discuss business matters with judgment and moderation. He requested the Grand Lodge to define the powers and duties of the Deputy Grand Master, as some annoyances had been caused for the want of a thorough understanding on that subject. The Grand Lodge, on the report of the Committee, speedily settled that question by decreeing "that, so long as the Grand Master is within the Jurisdiction, and is not mentally or physically incapacitated from attending to his duties, the Deputy Grand Master is wholly without authority, and has no duties to perform by virtue of his office."

The Grand Master's observations on the subject of Masonic Charity were very sensible and judicious. He urges Lodges to be prudent and careful in the disposition of their funds, and at the same time to study the wisest means of bestowing true Masonic Charity. The Grand Lodge Library is commended to the care and affection of the Craft.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Secretary and Librarian show the finances, library and general position of the Craft to be in a very hopeful condition.

Number of Master Masons, 458 ; value of Lodge property, $7,200 ; cash in Treasuries, $11,085.54 ; number Lodges, 8.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, including Nova Scotia. A report on Utah was prepared for publication last year, but must have been in some unaccountable way mislaid, as it did not appear in print.

A remarkable series of Masonic Lectures is published as an appendix to the Grand Lodge Report. These lectures were delivered before St. John's Lodge, No. 8, by the W. M., H. C. Hill, and shew that brother to be a most intelligent and observant student of the history, character, and philosophy of Free Masonry. They indicate research, industry and culture, and cannot fail to be read with benefit and pleasure wherever they may circulate.

Grand Master for 1883, Philip Henry Emerson, of Ogden.

Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.

## VERMONT — 1882.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont held its 90th Annual Communication in the City of Burlington, June 14th, 1882.

The attendance was large. The Address of the Grand Master, Lucius C. Butler, gives us an unusually interesting view of the condition of Masonry in that jurisdiction. The Grand Master begins with general remarks as to the gratification experienced in the annual assembling at Grand Lodge, and proceeds to state in detail the decisions given by him during the year, all of which must meet with general approval. He declined to allow Lodges to join with citizens and other organizations in public processions quoting abundant authority for his refusal.

The Grand Master commissioned a large number of Grand Representatives under the following regulations :—1. Commission to be for a term not exceeding five years. 2. Absence for two years or removal from the jurisdiction shall be deemed a resignation. 3. No brother shall be accredited by more than one Grand Lodge. 4. Grand Representatives to be honorary members of Grand Lodge. 5. And to make an annual report. The fraternal dead are fittingly alluded to. He is pleased to learn from his Deputies that the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, both financially and otherwise. He concludes an able address by an essay on the subject, "What *is* and what is *not* Masonry," wherein he points out that Masonry is not (1) a sectarian organization, (2) nor a temperance society, (3) nor a religion, (4) nor a political organization, but it has nevertheless a high and holy mission upon which he dwells with enthusiasm and pardonable pride. We would cheerfully quote at length from Grand Master Butler's remarks on these subjects but our space compels us to refrain.

A large amount of genuine business was transacted. The reports of thirteen District Deputies are appended showing a record of faithful work done by those officers.

Forty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed by the Foreign Correspondence Committee, including Nova Scotia for 1881.

This review signed on behalf of the Committee by Bro. T. S. Fisher is thoroughly done, the business affairs being lucidly treated,

and extensive quotations upon important matters from the addresses of Grand Masters being lavishly furnished and ably commented on by the Committee.

No. Lodges, 102; No. Members, 7728.

Grand Master, Lucius C. Butler (re-elected).

Grand Secretary, William H. Root, (re-elected).

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## VIRGINIA—1882.

The 105th Annual Communication of the G. L. of Virginia was held at Richmond, Dec. 11th, A.D., 1882.

M. W. R. M. Page presided and delivered a brief but excellent address, treating succinctly of local matters and adverting eloquently to the sublime mission of Free Masonry. He observes: "Ours is an ancient and honorable Order, and it behooves us to mark well our conduct, whether as individuals or as component parts of this Grand Lodge, preserving our ancient Land Marks; adhering to the tenets of our profession and carefully abstaining from anything that may decrease the usefulness or tarnish the honor of our institution." "Masonry," he urges, "is not, cannot be, a substitute for religion," but it can hope "by the blessing of God to be an humble handmaid of religion, doing its duty in the different sphere, and seeking to ameliorate man's condition in this life."

The review of Grand Lodges by the Correspondence Committee includes a kindly notice of Nova Scotia, and is throughout interesting as well as replete with information, quoting as it does largely from those portions of the various proceedings which deal with new or important questions.

No. Lodges, 236; No. Members, 9043.

Grand Master, M. W. Reuben M. Page (re-elected).

Grand Secretary, R. W. Wm. B. Isaacs (re-elected).

## WASHINGTON—1882.

The 25th Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington convened in the city of Walla Walla on June 7th, A.D., 1882, the M. W. Grand Master, Ralph Guichard, presiding.

The Grand Master's address deals in an interesting manner with the extent and resources of the Territory, and furnishes in a compact series of statements considerable information on those points The Territory was organized in 1853, contains about 70,000 square miles in area, and has immense resources in lumber, coal, iron, lime, gold and immense fishing interests. The population in 1853 was 4,000; in 1860, 12,000; in 1870, 24,000; in 1880, 75,000, and now it is about 100,000, and is looking forward to becoming, shortly, one of the States of the Union, and with most brilliant prospects for growth in wealth and political influence.

The Grand Lodge of Washington was organized in 1858 with five Lodges. It now has 35 Lodges with an active membership of over 1200 Masons, working in harmony and with efficiency. The G. M. appropriately concludes his review of the growth of Masonry in the jurisdiction by observing that "We certainly ought to be good and true and endeavour to practice the cardinal virtues as evidence of our sincerity, and in grateful acknowledgment of the Divine favor."

After appropriate mention of the distinguished dead the address proceeds to refer to the important practical work of the Lodge. He recommended an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary; a stricter attention to uniformity of work, and an increased attention to the work of recording the results of the labour of other Grand Lodges.

A revision of the Constitution was recommended. The new Constitutional Code was adopted. A hearty vote of sympathy with the retiring Grand Master Guichard, whose health was a subject of serious anxiety, was adopted.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is published, reviewing the proceedings of 56 Grand Lodges in a full and interesting manner. Nova Scotia receives fraternal notice. The loss sustained by Masonry in the lamented death of Grand Master Crowe is touchingly dwelt upon.

Grand Master, M. W. Joseph A. Kuhn, of Port Townsend.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Thomas M. Reed, of Olympia (re-elected).

## WISCONSIN — 1882.

The transactions of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin come to us with a fine frontispiece portrait in steel of the Grand Master, E. E. Chapin, of Columbus. The Grand Lodge met in the city of Milwaukee, on the 13th day of June, 1882.

The address is replete with pithy and sensible observations. On the subject of the Election of Officers the G. M. says: "There is something else to be done besides the election of officers. The election is not the Alpha and Omega of our meeting, although important, and in the discharge of this duty great care and caution should be exercised. The success of Masonry depends largely upon the character and qualifications of the officers of the Grand Lodge; but a Mason's zeal should not be so abundant as to permit him to prepare ballots for his favorite condidates long before the hour of election, and then, as soon as election is over, take the first train home as if his mission to the Grand Lodge was ended." While peace and harmony have prevailed during the past year, yet the G. M. observes the Craft has been called on to "mourn the loss of great and good men and Masons whose names have been as household words not only at home but abroad."

He mentions the late Bros., M. W. Albert G. Mackey, Grand Secretary, of South Carolina; R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, of New York; M. W. Alfred R. Potter, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania, M. W., A. H. Crowe, Grand Master of Nova Scotia; R. W. Wm. G. Tonn, Grand Secretary, of Wyoming; R. W. Robt. T. Bower, Past D. G. M., of Iowa, and M. W. Samuel H. Owens, P. G. M., of Missouri.

Of M. W. Bro. Crowe he says, "He was an honest, public-spirited citizen, a just Mason, beloved by his brethren. If good works here below is an assurance in the Better Land, his reward is assured."

He strongly recommended that the salary of Bro. John W. Woodhull be increased, on account of the great value and abundance of his labours for the benefit of the Craft.

Several interesting Special Communications of the Grand Lodge had been held during the year for the purpose of laying corner-stones and the dedication of public buildings. One also was held in honor

of the assassinated President, when a memorial address was delivered by the Grand Master.

A very able and unusually interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Grand Secretary Woodhull, appears in the appendix.

No. Lodges, 196 ; No. Members, 11,510.

Louis E. Reed, of Ripon, Wis., Grand Master.

John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary (re-elected).

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## WYOMING—1882.

The Eighth Session of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in Laramie City, on October 10th, 1882.

M. W. Robert Wilson, Grand Master, R. W. John H. Symons, Grand Secretary. Five Lodges represented.

Masonry in this Jurisdiction is but in its infancy ; but it appears to be a flourishing and vigorous infant, which will doubtless develop in due time into strong and helpful manhood.

The Grand Master's address shews faithful work, but presents no feature of exceptional interest, and no decisions which call for remark. The report of the Grand Secretary shews that the returns of the Lodges are carefully and promptly made, and that the finances of Grand Lodge are in a healthy state. One point is particularly noticeable, which augurs well for the future of Masonry in Wyoming, which is, that while 32 members have been added to the list of Masons, no less than eighteen candidates have been rejected. This shews a conscientious guardianship of the sacredneess of the Order against unworthy members, which might well be imitated in Jurisdictions having a much larger constituency.

Of the other proceedings of this Grand Lodge, the most novel and interesting is the Oration of W. Stephen Downey, Grand Orator. This takes the form of a poem of considerable merit, from which, did our space permit, we should like to make extended quotations. We subjoin his eloquent and patriotic exordium. The Oration is entitled "Arise and Conquer," and is a review of the nation's first 100 years of existence :—

"The rolling years have borne a century by,
Whose thronging moments have been charged with deeds
That in their number, quick succession, and
Renown, unprecedented stand upon
The page historic of six thousand years.
The subjugation of rude elements
To human use, by Nature's changeless laws:
The hostile agents, fire and water, pent
And yoked together for a motive power,
Subservient and obedient to man;
The subtle fluid playing round the earth,
Imponderable, strong, invisible,
Now in the clouds, now deep in earth, and then
Back-flashing to the clouds, eclipsing quick
Conception by its quicker speed,—subdued,
And made to bear, with nimble feet, upon
Its wire drawn track, high hanging in the air
Or deep submerged along the ocean caves,
Swift message to the utmost parts of earth;
Outspeeding sunshine in its westward course,
So what at twilight haps in eastern realms
Is read ere sunset in the western news:
The waters of the mountain streams, turned from
Their track, upon the barren arid plains,
Which bring returns of verdure and ripe fruits.
The mines of earth explored and from their depths
Their treasures brought for worth or ornament:
A thousand products of ingenious skill
That minister to human happiness:
A continent of mountains, forest wilds,
Of unbridged rivers, and of trackless plains,
Become a continent of cities, fields,
Of highways under mountains, over streams,
And threading wide-spread valleys, thundered o'er
By rolling commerce, fleeter than the wind:
A few poor pilgrims driven to the wilds,
Where worth, not birth, of Aristocracy
Is the acknowledged stamp and badge alone,
Expanded to a peerless realm of more
Than fifty million souls, degraded by
No high-born caste, or costly royal pomp:
An empire built of States, each in itself
An empire strong,—and may it ever thus
*imperium imperiorum* stand;
By natural and artificial ties
Together all inseparably bound."

We are entirely in sympathy with his concluding aspiration :—

> "Let indolence and superstition roll
> Together, trodden in the dusty strife,
> Join in the march of Masons towards the goal
> Of higher manhood and of nobler life."

We congratulate our Sister Grand Lodge on the poetic fire which burns in the glowing lines of its Orator.

Fraternally submitted.

D. C. Moore,
T. B. Flint,
L. Johnstone,
} *Committee.*

# REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

[SEE PAGE 48.]

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :—*

The Committee appointed on 7th June, 1883, to examine into and report upon the financial position of the Grand Lodge, for publication in this year's Report, respectfully submit :

*First.*—The assets and liabilities of the General Account at the close of the Communication in June, 1883. In these there is an asset of ..... $2304.23
and a liability of ..... 1734.91

Leaving a surplus of ..... $569.32

The Committee do not place a valuation on either side of this statement. They, however, venture the hope that whatever amount will ultimateiy be lost on the side of assets will be made good by remittances and uncalled for payments on the side of liabilities, so as to allow the surplus to stand as given above.

ASSETS.

Fees and dues up to June, 1881, viz :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 20, St George's | $7.64 | No 19, Albert | $79.75 | $87.39 | | |
| No. 39, Acacia | | | | 42.25 | $129 64 | |

Fees and dues for year ending June, 1882 :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 9, Zetland | $46.50 | No 30, Albert | $33.75 | 80.25 | | |
| " 31, Scotia | $21.00 | " 39, Acacia | 43.25 | 64.25 | | |
| " 48, Widow's Son | $12.75 | " 66, Sircom | 23.00 | 35.75 | | |
| " 75, Wimburn | | | | $20 00 | 200 25 | |

Fees and dues for year ending June, 1883, viz. :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| " 1, St Andrew's | $49.50 | No 2, St John's | $33.00 | $82 50 | | |
| " 8, Acacia | 50.50 | " 9, Zetland | 43.25 | 93 75 | | |
| " 11, New Caledonia. | 9.00 | " 14, Acadia | 47.75 | 56 75 | | |
| " 15, Athole | 47.00 | " 17, Keith | 49.25 | 96 25 | | |
| " 18, Union | 37.50 | " 25, Westport | 12.75 | 50 25 | | |
| " 30, Albert | 32.25 | " 31, Scotia | 36.75 | 69 00 | | |
| " 32, Eldorado | 22.25 | " 34, Queen's | 61.75 | 84 00 | | |
| " 38, L. of St. Mark. | 69.25 | " 39, Acacia | 30.00 | 99 25 | | |
| " 44, Poyntz | 28.25 | " 46, Solomon | 15.00 | 43 25 | | |
| " 54, King Solomon. | 24.25 | " 55, Morien | 17.75 | 42 00 | | |
| " 61, Clarke | 23.75 | " 62, Taylor | 30.00 | 53 75 | | |
| " 66, Sircom | 24.75 | " 70, Laurie | 2.00 | 26 75 | | |
| " 72, Eastern Light | 33.75 | " 74, North Star | 39.75 | 73 50 | 871 00 | $1200 89 |

Rents due Trustees Freemasons' Hall, viz. :—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 6, Royal Sussex Lodge | $113.50 | | |
| " 14, Acadia Lodge | 125.00 | | |
| " 18, Union Lodge | 62.50 | 301 00 | |
| Rent of Old Hall—A. Stephen & Son | | 70 00 | |
| " Public Hall | | 8 00 | 379 00 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, per account | | | 724 34 |
| | | | $2304 23 |

## LIABILITIES.

*Coupons, viz. :—*

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1, 1876. | Due on | $12020 | Debentures at 4 per cent.—1 year.. | | | | $ 480.80 | |
| " | " | 100 | " " " ½ " .. | | | | 2.00 | |
| | | | | | | | $ 482 80 | |
| " 1882. | " | 12120 | " " " 6 " .. | | | | 2918 40 | |
| | | | | | | | $3401 20 | |
| Less payments Dec., '76, to June, '83 | | | | | | | 3202 40 | $ 198 80 |

*Accounts, viz. :—*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| City Taxes for 1882 | | | | | 249 07 |
| " " 1883 | $288.00 | Water Rates | | $ 51.00 | 339 00 |

*Representative Account, unsettled for 1880 and 1881, viz. :—*

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 7, St. Andrew's.. | $31.00 | No 8, Acacia..... | $23.00 | $54 00 | | |
| " 12, Hiram..... | 15.50 | " 20, St George's.. | 7.64 | 23 14 | | |
| " 28, Scotia..... | 9.50 | " 31, Scotia..... | 21.00 | 30 50 | | |
| " 33, Annap. Royal.. | 12.00 | " 34, Queen's..... | 20.00 | 32 00 | | |
| " 35, St Mark..... | 55.00 | " 36, Thistle..... | 25.00 | 80 00 | | |
| " 41, Rothsay. ..... | 14.00 | " 43, Truro..... | 5.00 | 19 00 | | |
| " 45, Tyrian Youth. . | 20.00 | " 54, K'g Solomon. | 15.25 | 35 25 | | |
| " 57, Temple..... | 18.00 | " 61, Clarke..... | 10.00 | 28 00 | | |
| " 66, Sircom..... | 23.00 | " 67, Minas..... | 21.00 | 44 00 | | |
| " 69, Charity..... | 12.00 | " 70, Laurie..... | 11.28 | 23 28 | | |
| " 71, Granville..... | 12.00 | " 72, East'rn Light | 22.00 | 34 00 | | |
| " 73. Ionic..... | 16.00 | " 75, Wimburn.... | 20.00 | 36 00 | | |
| " 76, Wallace..... | | | | 10 00 | 449 17 | |

*Representative Account at Session 1882, viz. :—*

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 5, Albion..... | $ 8.00 | No 7, St Andrew's. | $28.09 | 36 00 | | |
| " 8, Acacia..... | 12.00 | " 11, N. Caledonia | 8.00 | 20 00 | | |
| " 12, Hiram..... | 20.00 | " 13, Acadia ..... | 11.00 | 31 00 | | |
| " 19, Royal Albert... | 21.00 | " 20, St George's.. | 7.00 | 28 00 | | |
| " 23, Keith ..... | 9.00 | " 41, Rothsay .... | 15.00 | 24 00 | | |
| " 42, Eureka ..... | 10.00 | " 43. Truro ..... | 10.00 | 20 00 | | |
| " 50, Western Star... | 9.00 | " 52, Harmony.... | 8.00 | 17 00 | | |
| " 54, King Solomon... | 16.00 | " 50, Kentville.... | 9.00 | 25 00 | | |
| " 66, Sircom ..... | 23.00 | " 67, Minas..... | 10.00 | 33 00 | | |
| " 74, North Star ..... | 7.00 | " 74, Wallace..... | 10.00 | 17 00 | 251 00 | |

*Representative Account at Session June, 1883, viz. :—*

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 4, Unity ..... .... | $ 9.50 | No 5, Albion..... | $10.50 | $20 00 | | |
| " 7, St Andrew's .... | 16.00 | " 8, Acacia..... | 9.38 | 25 38 | | |
| " 11, New Caledonia. | 10.50 | " 12, Hiram ..... | 20.00 | 30 50 | | |
| " 16, Keith ..... | 8.50 | " 19, Royal Albert | 16.00 | 24 50 | | |
| " 20, St George's..... | 9.75 | " 24, Concord ..... | 16.00 | 25 75 | | |
| " 33, Annap. Royal.. | 9.00 | " 41, Rothsay .... | 10.94 | 19 94 | | |
| " 43, Truro..... | 6.50 | " 45, Tyrian Youth | 17.75 | 24 25 | | |
| " 48, Widow's Son .. | 8.07 | " 50, West'n Star . | 8.00 | 16 07 | | |
| " 52, Harmony ..... | 6.85 | " 58, Kentville.... | 8.00 | 14 85 | | |
| " 66, Sircom..... | 17.00 | " 68, Curren ..... | 4.75 | 21 75 | | |
| " 70, Laurie ..... | 9.00 | " 73, Ionic.. .... | 10.83 | 19 83 | | |
| " 75, Wimburn..... | 7.80 | " 76, Wallace..... | 10.75 | 18 55 | | |
| " 77, Hudson..... | | | | 10 50 | | |
| | | | | $271 87 | | |

*Less Remitted :—*

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 7, St Andrew's, per Dr McGillvary ..... | | | $16.00 | | | |
| " 58, Kentville, " Bro. Maloney..... | | | 8.00 | 24 00 | 247 87 | 948 04 |
| | | | | | | $1734 91 |

*Secondly.*—A yearly statement of the balances, income, outlay and investments of the ordinary and special revenues and resources of the Grand Lodge from June 1869 to June 1883, as follows :

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June, 1869. | Balance. (Proceedings of 1870, page 34.) | | $ 152 83½ | |
| | Income to June 23, 1870 | | 1585 12½ | |
| | | | $1737 96 | |
| | Payments | | 395 17 | |
| June, 1870. | Treasurer's Balance | | $1342 79 | |
| | Special Committee's Balance p. 44 of Pro. 70. | | 187 81 | |
| | Invested funds, p. 44 of Proceedings 70 | | 2400 00 | |
| | | | | $3930 60 |
| June, 1871. | Balance, June, 1870, (page 63, Proceedings 1871) | | $1342 79 | |
| | Income, &c., " | | 2643 72 | |
| | | | $3986 51 | |
| | Payments, (page 63, Pro. 1871) | | 2305 34 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | $1681 17 | |
| | Lodge Dues not paid, page 72, Proc. 1871 | | 250 00 | |
| | Invested Securities | | 2400 00 | |
| | | | | 4331 17 |
| June, 1872. | Balance, &c., June, 1871, (p. 36, Pr. 1872,) *D. Cy.* | | $1691 33 | |
| | Income, " " | | 2448 94 | |
| | | | $4140 27 | |
| | Payments, page 36, Pro. 1872) | | 1388 36 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | $2751 91 | |
| | Invested Securites, (Charity Fund) (p. 68, Pr. 1871) | | 2400 00 | |
| | | | | 5151 91 |
| June, 1873, | Balance, June, 1872, (page 22, Proc. 1873) | | $2751 91 | |
| | Income | | 2357 50 | |
| | | | $5109 41 | |
| | Payments, (page 51, Proc. 1873) | | 1968 11 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | $3141 30 | |
| | Invested Securities (Charity Fund) | | 2400 00 | |
| | | | | 5541 30 |
| June, 1874. | Balance, June, 1873, (page 39, Proc. 1874) | | $3141 30 | |
| | Income, Ordinary Account | $2650 50 | | |
| | " Charity Fund | 348 00 | | |
| | | | 2998 50 | |
| | | | $6139 80 | |
| | Payments Ordinary Account | $1775 92 | | |
| | " to Charity Fund | 1000 13 | | |
| | | | 2776 05 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance, ordinary account | | $3363 75 | |
| | Invested Securities, Charity Fund | $2400 00 | | |
| | Loan on Freemasons' Hall, do | 565 00 | | |
| | Balance Treasurer, do | 435 13 | | |
| | | | 3400 13 | |
| | | | | 6763 88 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June, 1875. | Balance, June, 1874, (page 53, Proc., 1875) | | | $3363 75 | | |
| | Income | | | 2934 00 | | |
| | | | | $6297 75 | | |
| | Payments | | | 1778 21 | | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | | $4519 54 | | |
| | | $2400 00 | | | | |
| | Invested Charity Fund | 381 43 | | | | |
| | | | $2018 57 | | | |
| | Loan on Freemasons' Hall, Charity Fund | 565 00 | | | | |
| | Treas. Bal., Charity Fund, (p. 54, Proc., '75) | 1011 08 | | | | |
| | | | | 3594 65 | | |
| | Freemasons' Hall Rents, (p. 80, Proc., 1875) | | $1467 50 | | | |
| | " Payments | | 1135 06 | | | |
| | Secretary's Balance, (p. 80, Proc., 1875) | | | 332 44 | | |
| | | | | | | 8446 63 |
| June, 1876. | Balance, June, 1875, (p. 42, Proc., 1876) | | | $4519 54 | | |
| | Income | | | 2427 50 | | |
| | | | | $6947 04 | | |
| | Payments, ordinary account | | $1966 71 | | | |
| | " Building Fund | | 3200 00 | | | |
| | | | | 5166 71 | | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | | $1780 33 | | |
| | Loan Freemasons' Hall, Benevolent Fund | | $ 565 00 | | | |
| | Loan Building Fund, do (p. 43, Pr. '76) | | 3100 00 | | | |
| | Treasurer's Balance, do | | 315 83 | | | |
| | | | | 3980 83 | | |
| | Loan General Account to Building Fund | | | 3200 00 | | |
| | | | | | | 8961 16 |
| June, 1877. | Balance, June, 1876, (page 51, Proc., 1877) | | | $1780 33 | | |
| | Income, ordinary account | | | 3056 90 | | |
| | | | | $4837 23 | | |
| | Payments, ordinary account | | $1609 86 | | | |
| | Deficiency or Error | | 49 00 | | | |
| | | | $1658 86 | | | |
| | Payments Freemasons' Hall acc't | $2545 64 | | | | |
| | Less rents " | 611 12 | | | | |
| | | | 1934 52 | | | |
| | | | | 3593 38 | | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | | $1243 85 | | |
| | Loan to Building Fund | | $3200 00 | | | |
| | Loan to Freemasons' Hall account | | 1934 52 | | | |
| | | | | 5134 52 | | |
| | Bene. Fund Loan Freemasons' Hall acc't | | $3665 00 | | | |
| | " Treasurer's Balance | | 315 83 | | | |
| | " Contributions | | 33 00 | | | |
| | | | | 4013 83 | | |
| | | | | | | 10392 20 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June, 1878. | Balance, June, 1877, (page 31, Proc., 1878) | | | $1243 85 | |
| | Income, ordinary account | | | 2888 25 | |
| | | | | $4132 10 | |
| | Payments, ordinary account | $1875 84 | | | |
| | Deficiency or Error | 84 00 | | | |
| | | | $1959 84 | | |
| | Payments on Freemasons' Hall acc't | $4001 27 | | | |
| | Less rents " " | 2406 84 | | | |
| | | | 1594 43 | | |
| | | | | 3554 27 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance, (page 32, Proc., 1878) | | | $577 83 | |
| | Loans Freemasons' Hall account, June, 1877 | | $5134 52 | | |
| | " " " to June, 1878 | | 1594 43 | | |
| | | | | 6728 95 | |
| | Benevolent Fund at June, 1877 | | $4013 83 | | |
| | " Interest, (p.33, Pr. 1878) | | 13 95 | | |
| | | | | 4027 78 | |
| | | | | 11334 56 | |
| | Bal. due Grand Treasurer's Construction account | | | 14 41 | |
| | | | | | 11320 15 |
| June, 1879. | Bal., June, 1878, (page 39, Proc., 1879) | | | $ 577 83 | |
| | Income, ordinary account | | | 3009 25 | |
| | | | | $3587 08 | |
| | Payments, ordinary account | | $2249 35 | | |
| | " Freemasons' Hall acc't | | $3488 03 | | |
| | Less rents " " | | 2232 10 | | |
| | | | 1255 93 | | |
| | | | | 3505 28 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance | | | $ 81 80 | |
| | Loans Freemasons' Hall account June, 1878 | | $6728 95 | | |
| | " " June, 1879 | | 1255 93 | | |
| | | | | 7984 88 | |
| | Benevolent Fund at June, 1878 | | $4027 78 | | |
| | Deduct, (page 40, Proc., 1879) | | 2 10 | | |
| | | | | 4025 68 | |
| | | | | | 12092 36 |
| June, 1880. | Balance, June 1879, (page 33, Proc., 1880) | | | $ 81 80 | |
| | Income, ordinary account | | | 2661 10 | |
| | | | | $2742 90 | |
| | Payments, ordinary account | | $1553 23 | | |
| | " Freemasons' Hall acc't | | $3520 31 | | |
| | Less rents " " | | 2054 75 | | |
| | | | 1465 56 | | |
| | | | | 3018 79 | |
| | Balance due Grand Treasurer | | | $ 275 89 | |
| | Loans Freemasons' Hall acc't, June, 1879 | | $7984 88 | | |
| | " " to June, 1880 | | 1465 56 | | |
| | | | | 9450 44 | |
| | Benevolent Fund at June, 1879 | | $4025 68 | | |
| | Deduct, (page 35, Proc., 1880) | | 5 60 | | |
| | | | | 4020 08 | |
| | | | | 13470 52 | |
| | Deduct accounts, (page 52, Proc., 1880 | | | 975 89 | |
| | | | | | 12494 63 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June, 1881. | Income, ordinary account, (p. 25, Proc., 1881)..... | | | $2592 71 | |
| | Payment, Grand Treasurer's Balance..... | $ 275 89 | | | |
| | " ordinary account..... ..... | 935 27 | | | |
| | " Freemasons' Hall acc't... | $3106 33 | | | |
| | Less rents " " ... | 1750 00 | | | |
| | | | 1356 33 | | |
| | | | | 2567 49 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance ..... | | | $ 25 22 | |
| | Grand Secretary's Balance (p. 60, Proc., 1881)..... | | | 175 75 | |
| | Loans F. Hall acc't, June 1880 ..... | $9450 44 | | | |
| | " " to June, 1881... | 1356 33 | | | |
| | | | | 10806 77 | |
| | Benevolent Fund as at June, 1880..... | | | 4020 08 | |
| | Fees and dues, (page 60, Proc., 1881)..... | | | 275 39 | |
| | | | | 15303 21 | |
| | Deduct Liabilities, ordinary acc't, (p. 61, Pr. 1881) | | | 958 95 | |
| | | | | | 14344 26 |
| June, 1882. | Balance, June, 1881, (page 25, Proc., 1882)..... | | | $ 25 22 | |
| | Income, ordinary and special, (p. 23, Proc., 1882)... | | | 3000 25 | |
| | | | | $3025 47 | |
| | Payments, ordinary account..... | $ 893 86 | | | |
| | " Freemasons' Hall acc't... | $3902 46 | | | |
| | Less rents " " ... | 1953 50 | | | |
| | | | 1948 96 | | |
| | | | | 2842 82 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance..... | | | 182 65 | |
| | Loans Freemasons' Hall acc't, June, 1881... | $10806 77 | | | |
| | " " to June, 1882... | 1948 96 | | | |
| | | | | 12755 73 | |
| | Benevolent Fund as June, 1881..... | | | 4020 08 | |
| | | | | 16958 46 | |
| | Less City Taxes, $249.07, and Represent. Ex., $900 | | | 1149 07 | |
| | | | | | 15809 39 |
| June, 1883. | Balance, June, 1882..... | | | $ 182 65 | |
| | Income, ordinary account..... | | | 2104 50 | |
| | | | | 2287 15 | |
| | Payments, ordinary account..... | $ 805 21 | | | |
| | " Freemasons' Hall acc't... | $3054 10 | | | |
| | Less rents " " ... | 2296 50 | | | |
| | | | 757 60 | | |
| | | | | 1562 81 | |
| | Treasurer's Balance..... | | | $ 724 34 | |
| | Loans Freemasons' Hall acc't, June, 1882... | $12755 73 | | | |
| | " " " 1883... | 757 60 | | | |
| | | | | 13513 33 | |
| | Benevolent Fund as June, 1882 ..... | | | 4020 08 | |
| | Lodge dues, $1200.89 ; Rents, $379..... | | | 1579 89 | |
| | | | | 19837 64 | |
| | Less Coupons, $198.80 ; Taxes, $537.07..... | $735 87 | | | |
| | Water Rates, $51 ; Represent., $948.04..... | 999 04 | | | |
| | | | | 1734 91 | |
| | | | | | 18102 73 |

THIRDLY.—*A Tabulated form of the foregoing Statements, which will show very nearly the financial situation in a single view during the period mentioned.*

| | ORDINARY ACCOUNT. | | | | | | FREEMASONS' HALL ACCOUNT. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date. | Treasurer's Balances. | Income—Ordinary acct. | Total ordinary funds. | Payments on ordinary acct. | Balance and ordinary acct. | Benevolent funds. | Payments—Freemasons' Hall acct. | Rents—F. H. acct. | Overpaid from ordinary funds on F. H. acct. | Payments of ordinary funds to F. H. | Liabilities. | Total. |
| June, 1870..... | $ 152 83½ | $1585 12½ | $1737 96 | $ 395 17 | $1342 79<br>187 81 | $2400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 3930 60 |
| " 1871..... | 1342 79 | 2643 72 | 3986 51 | 2305 34 | 1681 17<br>250 00 | 2400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4331 17 |
| " 1872..... | 1691 33 | 2448 94 | 4140 27 | 1388 36 | 2751 91 | 2400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5151 91 |
| " 1873..... | 2751 91 | 2357 50 | 5109 41 | 1968 11 | 3141 30 | 2400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5541 30 |
| " 1874..... | 3141 30 | 2650 50<br>348 00 | 5791 80<br>348 00 | 1775 92<br>1000 13 | 3363 75 | 3400 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6763 88 |
| " 1875..... | 3363 75 | 2934 00 | 6297 75 | 1778 21 | 4519 54<br>332 44 | 3594 65 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8446 63 |
| " 1876..... | 4519 54 | 2427 50 | 6947 04 | 1966 71<br>3200 00 | 1780 33 | 3980 83 | ..... | ..... | ..... | $ 3200 00 | ..... | 8961 16 |
| " 1877..... | 1780 33 | 3056 90 | 4837 23 | 1658 86 | 1243 85 | 4013 83 | $2545 64 | $611 12 | $1934 52 | 5134 52 | ..... | 10392 20 |
| " 1878..... | 1243 85 | 2888 25 | 4132 10 | 1959 84 | 577 83 | 4027 78 | 4001 27 | 2406 84 | 1594 43 | 6728 95 | $ 14 41 | 11320 15 |
| " 1879..... | 577 83 | 3009 25 | 3587 08 | 2249 35 | 81 80 | 4025 68 | 3488 03 | 2232 10 | 1255 93 | 7984 88 | ..... | 12092 36 |
| " 1880..... | 81 80 | 2661 10 | 2742 90 | 1553 23 | ..... | 4020 08 | 3520 31 | 2054 75 | 1465 56 | 9450 44 | 975 89 | 12494 63 |
| " 1881..... | ..... | 2592 71 | 2592 71 | 935 27<br>275 89 | 25 22<br>175 75 | 4020 08 | 3106 33 | 1750 00 | 1356 33 | 10806 77 | 958 95 | 14344 26 |
| " 1882..... | 25 22 | 3000 25 | 3025 47 | 893 86 | 182 65 | 4020 08 | 3902 46 | 1953 50 | 1948 96 | 12755 73 | 1149 07 | 15809 39 |
| " 1883..... | 182 65 | 2104 50 | 2287 15 | 805 21 | 724 34<br>1579 89 | 4020 08 | 3054 10 | 2296 50 | 757 60 | 13513 33 | 1734 91 | 18102 73 |

*Fourthly.*—A memorandum of the amounts at present standing against the Freemasons' Hall, and the objects for which these items were expended, viz. :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Debentures to pay St. Andrew's Mortgage | $ 2329 28 | |
| " " Union Chapter " | 1164 64 | |
| " " Virgin Lodge " | 1164 65 | |
| " " St. John's " | 776 43 | |
| " " Interest " | 628 08 | |
| " " Construction acct. (p. 53, Proc. 77) | 6096 92 | |
| | | $12160 00 |
| Brookfield Mortgage Construction acct. | 10000 00 | |
| Donaldson Mortgage to pay Taylor Mortgage | 10000 00 | |
| " " " Construction acct. (p. 54, Proc. 77) | 12000 00 | |
| | | 32000 00 |
| Benevolent Fund, to pay original purchase | $ 565 00 | |
| " " Construction acct. | 2800 00 | |
| " " " " | 300 00 | |
| | | 3665 00 |
| Ordinary funds of Grand Lodge, to pay Construction acct. | $ 3200 00 | |
| " " " " Expense accts. | 10313 33 | |
| | | 13513 33 |
| | | $61338 33 |
| Less amount received for Old Hall | | 10000 00 |
| | | $51338 33 |

*Fifthly.*—A Summary Statement of amounts expended on different accounts in connection with the Freemasons' Hall property, viz. :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For purchase of the Old Freemasons' Hall property : | | |
| Debentures to pay mortgage to St. Andrew's Lodge | $ 2329 28 | |
| " " " Union Chapter | 1164 64 | |
| " " " Virgin Lodge | 1164 65 | |
| " " " St. John's Lodge | 776 43 | |
| Donaldson mortgage, to pay Taylor mortgage | 10000 00 | |
| Loan from Benevolent Fund, balance | 565 00 | |
| | | $16000 00 |
| Construction of New Freemasons' Hall, viz. : | | |
| Donaldson mortgage | $12000 00 | |
| Brookfield " | 10000 00 | |
| Debentures to Lodges and individuals | 6096 92 | |
| Loans from Benevolent Funds | 3100 00 | |
| Loan from ordinary funds of Grand Lodge | 3200 00 | |
| | | 34396 92 |
| For interest on Mortgage and Expenses acct. : | | |
| Debentures for Interest on Lodge Mortgages | $ 628 08 | |
| Ordinary funds of Grand Lodge | 10313 33 | |
| | | 10941 41 |
| | | $61338 33 |
| Deduct sale Old Freemasons' Hall | | 10000 00 |
| | | $51338 33 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. TAYLOR,
WM. CROWE,
JAS. A. ADAMS, } *Committee.*

*Halifax, Oct. 16th, 1883.*

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OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 4th day of June, A. D., 1884, A. L. 5884, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT

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| M. W. MAJOR-GEN. J. W. LAURIE | Grand Master. |
| R. W. W. E. STARRATT | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. W. ROSS | Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. J. W. RUHLAND | Dis. Dep. Grand Master |
| R. W. T. B. CROSBY | " " |
| R. W. T. R. HARRIS | " " |
| R. W. J. F. MCDONALD | " " |
| R. W. A. D. MCGILLVARY | " " |
| R. W. J. DEMPSTER | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. B. CURREN | Grand Secretary. |
| R. W. L. F. DARLING | Grand Lecturer |
| R. W. REV. H. D. DE BLOIS | Grand Chaplain. |
| R. W. REV. F. PARTRIDGE | " " |
| V. W. WILLIAM CROWE | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. C. F. COCHRAN | Junior Grand Deacon |

V. W. James Martin ..... G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. T. Mowbray ..... G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. B. H. Landis ..... Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. S. Porter ..... Grand Organist.
V. W. J. W. Heckman ..... Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. Halliday ..... Grand Steward.
V. W. S. Trott ..... " "
V. W. C. F. Vose ..... " "
V. W. J. Quiglay ..... " "
V. W. C. J. Spike ..... " "

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. William Taylor ..... Past Grand Master.
R. W. J. R. Graham ..... Past Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. C. J. Macdonald ..... " " "
R. W. T. A. Cossmann ..... " " "
R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore ..... " " "
R. W. Rev. F. Partridge ..... " " "
R. W. William A. Hesson ..... Past S. Grand Warden.
R. W. Benjamin Curren ..... " " "
R. W. William Williams ..... " " "
R. W. George T. Smithers ..... " " "
R. W. James Gossip ..... " " "
R. W. E. E. Tupper ..... " " "
R. W. T. R. Harris ..... " " "
R. W. William Holloway ..... Past J. Grand Warden.
R. W. J. F. McDonald ..... " " "
R. W. L. F. Darling ..... " " "
R. W. S. Porter ..... " " "

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## REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

M. W. Major Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, as Representative of the Grand Lodges of England and New York.

R. W. George Fraser, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

M. W. W. Taylor, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Grand Orient of Costa Rica.

R. W. G. T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Benjamin Curren, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R. W. C. J. Macdonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. L. F. Darling, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. W. J. F. McDonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. J. Gossip, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

R. W. W. A. Hesson, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

W. James McLearn, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

R. W. Richard L. Black, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

R. W. T. A. Cossmann, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the Roll, when thirty-nine Lodges were found represented.

The Representatives from a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in ample form, and with prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. Henry D. DeBlois, M. A., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of V. W. Bro. C. F. Cochran, it was

*Resolved*, That all Master Masons of good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-two Lodges entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1884 (they having complied with the requirements of Sections 26 and 28 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution), and the following Representatives and Past Masters in attendance:—

### REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

St. Andrew's No. 1..... W. Crowe, W. M.
F. W. Jubien, S. W.
A. Hart, J. W.
J. Dempster, P. M.
T. Trenaman, P. M.
S. Porter, P. M.

St. John's, No. 2 ..... A. E. Curren, W. M.
L. D. Wier, S. W.
F. W. Johnstone, J. W.
J. Martin, P. M.
J. W. Laurie, P. M.
C. F. Vose, P. M.
S. Trott, P. M.

Virgin, No. 3..... C. J. Spike, W. M.
E. J. Gorham, S. W.
J. T. Lithgow, J. W.
W. A. Hesson, P. M.
R. T. Roome, P. M.
B. Curren, P. M.
J. Gossip, P. M.
T. Mowbray, P. M.
C. C. Vaux, P. M.
C. E. Puttner, P. M.
A. Stephen, P. M.
Rev. F. Partridge, P. M.
W. Ross, P. M.

UNITY, No. 4.... .....A. Etter, W. M., proxy for wardens.

ALBION, No. 5 .....J. Cummings, W. M.
G. A. Douglas, P. M., proxy for Wardens.

ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6....W. Holloway, W. M.
J. McLearn, P. M.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7 ....T. W. Publicover, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
A. D. MacGillvary, P. M.

ACACIA, No. 8 .....D. T. Chapman, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
C. R. Smith, P. M.
J. M. Townshend, P. M.

BURNS, No. 10 .....J. Patterson, W. M.
D. C. Grant, S. W.
J. C. Lloy, J. W.
W. Taylor, P. M.
A. Waddell, P. M.
J. Fortune, P. M.
W. A. McKenzie, P. M.
J. H. Balcam, P. M.
J. Ellis, P. M.

NEW CALEDONIA, No. 11..J. McMillan, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

HIRAM, No. 12 .....T. B. Crosby, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

ACADIA, No. 13.....D. Mackintosh, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

ACADIA, No. 14.....T. G. Creelman, W. M.
J. D. Stewart, S. W.
G. Fraser, P. M.
A. McLeod, P. M.
J. W. Ruhland, P. M.
T. D. Spike, P. M.
O. M. Hill, P. M.

ATHOLE, No. 15 .....J. H. Dow, W. M.
C. J. Macdonald, P. M.
J. R. Graham, P. M.

ATHOLE, No. 15. (*Cont.*)..W. Williams, P. M.
B. H. Landis, P .M.

KEITH, No. 16 .....E. E. Tupper, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

KEITH, No. 17 .....J. A. Smith, W. M.
F. Waters, S. W.
Rev. G. W. Kent, J. W.
W. McNally, P. M.
W. Lowe, P. M.
D. F. Douglas, P. M.
J. W. Heckman, P. M.
J. Quiglay, P. M.

UNION, No. 18 .....T. G. D. Scotland, W. M.
P. E. McKerrow, P. M.
W. B. Thomas, P. M.
B. N. Davis, P. M.

KEITH, No. 23 .....J. R Green, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
Rev. D. C. Moore, P. M.

WELSFORD, No. 26 .....J. Carmichael, W. M.
J. W. Sharp, S. W., proxy for J. W.
W. W. Rickards, P. M.

SCOTIA, No. 31 .....C. G. Godfrey, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, No. 33...R. L. Hardwick, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

QUEENS, No. 34.....A. McQuarrie, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38. J. A. Adams, W. M.
Rev. W. H. Sampson, S. W.
J. C. Puttner, J. W.
G. T. Smithers, P. M.
T. A. Cossmann, P. M.
L. F. Darling, P. M.
W. V. Murray, P. M.
J. W. Longley, P. M.

ROTHSAY, No. 41.....W. E. Starratt, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
Rev. H. D. de Blois, P. M.

EUREKA, No. 42.....J. Hall, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

TRURO, No. 43.....C. M. Dawson, W. M.
T. Clarke, M. M., proxy for Wardens.
H. McCallum, P. M.
L. B. Archibald, P. M.

TYRIAN YOUTH, No. 45..Lodge not represented.
D. McVicar, P. M.

WIDOW'S SON, No. 48.....R. L. Black, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

WESTERN STAR, No. 50..C. L. Sullivan, W. M., proxy for J. W.
A. W. H. McLeod, S. W.

HARMONY, No. 52.....W. K. Bennett, W. M.
H. S. Jacques, S. W.
T. R. Harris, P. M.

KENTVILLE, No. 58.....C. F. Cochran, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
T. E. Mulloney, P. M.

CORINTHIAN, No. 63.....Rev. T. B. Layton, W. M.

SIRCOM, No. 66.....L. J. Hart, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

CURREN, No. 68.....J. F. Macdonald, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

GRANVILLE, No. 71.....W. Willett, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

EASTERN LIGHT, No. 72..G. Y. Grant, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

IONIC, No. 73.....N. G. Charlton, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

NORTH STAR, No. 74.....Rev. J. A. Logan, W. M.
I. D. Cooke, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

WALLACE, No. 76.....A. M. Peers, P. M., proxy for Lodge.

HUDSON, No. 77.....R. W. McDonald, W. M., proxy for Wardens.

## APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Letters from R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, D. G. M., and from R. W. Bro. Lieut. Col. James Poyntz, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, apologizing for absence from Grand Lodge, and regretting their inability to be present at the Annual Communication, were read, and ordered to be placed on file.

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The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS.

MOST WORSHIPFUL, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL, AND WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN:

In surrendering into your hands the authority that you have for the past twelve months vested in me as your Executive Officer, I submit in the first place a report of my official acts which I trust you will approve; next, of my official visits to various parts of the jurisdiction, and thirdly, a short statement of the reasons that have guided my decisions, and of matters that appear to be of sufficient moment for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

I have also gone through the Reports of the Dist. Dep. Grand Masters, and bring to your notice matters that should not be overlooked.

### 1883-4.—LIST OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVAL.

*On 6th July* I authorized the issue of a dispensation to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. Love of Zetland Lodge.

*Aug. 7.* As reported in detail in my address I visited Lodges in Richmond and Guysboro Counties in August.

*On the 23rd August* I approved the By-Laws of St. Mark's, St. John's, and St. Andrew's Lodges. I replied to Scotia L., Yarmouth, that three Master Masons form a Master Masons' Lodge, and can meet, transact business, and confer degrees, but not desirable that more business should be undertaken by so small a Lodge, than is actually necessary or pressing.

*26th Sept.* I visited Truro Lodge, the details of which are in the address.

*10th October.* I authorized the issue of property of the late Philadelphia Lodge, under instructions and authority from G. Lodge, to Bro. Trefry and members of the new Lodge at Barrington.

*10th October.* I approved the By-Laws of Hudson Lodge with various alterations necessary to bring them into harmony with the Constitution.

*10th October.* In reply to an enquiry from Granville Lodge, reporting a fellow-craft of their jurisdiction who went to Scotland and there received the first three degrees on the same evening, and who now demands the third degree here, I have called for further information, and in the meantime directed that he should not be received as a Master Mason.

*October 10th.* I Approved alterations in the By-Laws of Acadia Lodge.

*October 12th.* I granted permission to Union Lodge to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. Jas. Miller in three weeks from date of passing being one week short of the constitutional period.

*October 20th.* I refused permission to Acacia Lodge to confer the three degrees within a week.

*October 12th.* I granted permission to Morien Lodge to confer the 3rd degree one week short of the constitutional interval after passing.

*On 7th November* and following day I visited Lodges in Cumberland County as detailed in my address.

*27th November*, I sanctioned Sircom Lodge loaning their hall for other than masonic meetings, instructing them however that Masonic insignia should be removed whenever meetings other than masonic are held, and provided that the meetings are for such purposes as do not conflict with the principles of free-masonry.

*3rd. December.* I visited Poyntz Lodge, Hantsport, as detailed in my address.

*17th December.* I replied to St. George's Lodge, Wolfville, that a lodge is not bound to assume the entire support of unaffiliate masons in its jurisdiction: this is a matter of sentiment for each Lodge to take into its own consideration. I would suggest that the community is by law bound to undertake their maintenance: it is not the duty of the craft to relieve it of its duty and furnish the necessaries but the Lodge can well supplement this by contributing comforts.

*19th Dec.* I granted permission to Minas Lodge to walk in procession wearing regalia on St. John's day.

*19th Dec.* I summoned an emergent meeting of Grand Lodge to pay the last tribute of respect to V. W. Bro. Taylor who has been Grand Tyler for 25 years.

*19th Dec.* I informed Morien Lodge that there was no occasion to issue a dispensation to initiate Dr. McKeen, who, subsequent to his application for initiation had met with an accident, and had his foot amputated, an accident which has not interfered with his practising his profession as a useful member of Society.

*2nd Jan. 1884.* I authorized R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland to visit, as my representative, Lodges in Lunenburg and Queen's Counties.

*16th Jany.* I approved the By-Laws of Hudson Lodge and amendments to By-Laws of Truro Lodge.

*26th Jany.* At the request of R. W. Bro. Harris, D. D. G. M., I issued a commission to W. Bro. Augustus Robinson to visit Keith Lodge, Hillsburg, and King Solomon Lodge at Digby.

*26th. Jany.* I decided that a Brother proposing to affiliate from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction need not produce a dimit, for which reasons are given in my address.

I decided that Bro. Ross who had received a dimit from a Lodge in proper form in 1866 could not be suspended from membership by the same Lodge in 1871.

*5th Feby.* I refused permission to Granville Lodge to confer two degrees on the same evening on an entered apprentice who was leaving the Jurisdiction.

*25th Feby.* I refused permission to Corinthian to confer the 2nd, and 3rd degrees at the same meeting on an entered apprentice removing to New York.

*March 10th.* I issued a duplicate charter to New Caledonia Lodge.

*March 10.* Bro. McLaren, having returned the dispensation issued under the authority of Grand Lodge to revive the late Philadelphia Lodge, I re-issued it to Bro. Banks, as W. M., and others.

*March 10th.* I granted permission to Corinthian to shorten the constitutional period and confer the 3rd degree on a candidate fifteen days after receiving the 2nd degree.

*March 25th.* I approved alterations in the By-Laws of Wimburn Lodge.

*March 25th.* I issued a dispensation to Acadia Lodge, No. 13, to elect officers, as the election on the prescribed night was irregular owing to brethren who were not members having voted.

*March 25th.* I issued my dispensation to St. John's Lodge, No. 2, to elect and install officers, owing to short attendance at the regular meeting.

*March 29th.* I authorized brethren to wear Regalia at a concert at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on the 22nd April.

*April 4th.* In reply to the W. M. of St. Mark's Lodge, I pointed out that the Constitution provides that all officers must be elected annually, and being re-elected he is his own successor and must be installed; but as the Board of Installed Masters would have nothing to communicate that he does not already know, I could see no object in opening this Board and requiring Master Masons to leave the Lodge room.

*April 24th.* I issued my dispensation to Morien Lodge to elect officers, the Master and Wardens having been too unwell to attend the regular meeting in March.

## OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited the Lodges in Eastern Nova Scotia in accordance with a circular notification sent out about a fortnight previously to all the grand officers and the members of the neighboring Lodges, in which I invited all who could make it convenient, to accompany me. I regret to say that, with the exception of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser and the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, the circular elicited no response. The two named brethren accompanied me throughout the trip and rendered valuable assistance by addressing the several Lodges and taking an active part in the discussion of Masonic questions.

RICHMOND.—On arrival at Grandique ferry, Lennox Passage, by steamer on the evening of the 14th August, we were met by the W. M. and a large contingent of the brethren of Richmond Lodge, who had come more than six miles by road to meet the Grand Lodge representatives. The party in twelve carriages made quite an imposing demonstration. I found this Lodge in a healthy condition, not large in numbers, but from a careful selection of its material much respected in a community where the Masonic organization had not hitherto been highly regarded, and, although housed in a very unpretentious style, both solvent and solid.

KING SOLOMON.—Returning by early steamer to the Straits of Canso, I visited Port Hawkesbury and unsuccessfully sought the Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge. He had reported that most of his members were absent, and that he had held no meetings all the summer, and I had replied that I would meet those who were present, but he did not attend and did not even offer any explanation or excuse, although I understood that he did send a note to the Secretary to say that he had broken a chain of the Marine Railway of which he was Superintendent and was going to dive for it. We interviewed the Treasurer and Secretary, visited the temporary Lodge room, examined the minutes, found the Lodge was in a good financial condition, but had not made a practice of issuing summonses for regular meetings, and these had been very scantily attended. We urged the issue of summonses for all meetings, with particulars of the business and the exemplification of Masonic work at each meeting when nothing else was before the Lodge, also the selection and fitting up of a suitable building, now that the Hall hitherto used had been taken by the School Commissioners.

TEMPLE.—At the hour named we visited Temple Lodge, which has lately erected a new and commodious Hall, but the attendance was very small. I believe that no notices had been issued to the members, and the appearance of the Lodge room gave evidence that little interest was taken in Masonry in this Lodge. I fear there are rocks ahead, and that the vessel, if she is to voyage safely, requires more skilful pilotage than she at present possesses. I was not cheered or encouraged by this visit.

EASTERN LIGHT.—Reaching Guysboro' by steamer on the evening of the 15th, we were met on the wharf by the W. Master and a number of the brethren. Eastern Light is a live and stirring Lodge, composed of active brethren who are determined to succeed in whatever they undertake. They have a capital Lodge room, and the finances of the Lodge are in a healthy condition, the books well kept, and the work well done ; it was beyond expectation to see so young a Lodge in such a prosperous state.

QUEEN'S.—Driving for 55 miles we reached Sherbrooke to visit Queen's Lodge, the mother and monitress of almost all the Lodges in Eastern Nova Scotia. Our visit was on the 17th Aug. and we found the attendance so good and the work so well carried out that we could well advise younger Lodges to model themselves on her. The brethren of Queen's and Hiram joined in providing a sumptuous banquet, which was attended by several brethren of other Lodges, whom business had brought to the neighborhood, and who received a true Masonic welcome.

HIRAM.—On the 16th August, immediately on our arrival at Sherbrooke, we drove out to Goldenville to visit Hiram Lodge, a small but very earnest body of masons, who had, for some time, on account of reduction of numbers, considered the advisability of surrendering their charter and amalgamating with Queen's; but as the communication is over six miles of rough roads, I urged they should retain their charter and endeavor to work up their Lodge to a high state of efficiency in ritual, as interesting to themselves and likely to attract members when fresh mines should be opened.

The work of Hiram Lodge appeared to be well done, but the records were not as well kept as could be wished.

EL DORADO.—The W. M. of El Dorado attended at Sherbrooke, accompanied by several Brethren to intimate that, as his Lodge room had been burnt and all the Lodge records, and almost all the brethren were absent except those who had accompanied him, he thought it would be of little advantage to pay a visit to his Lodge. The position of affairs was fully discussed, the possibility of moving the place of meeting of the Lodge to a position more convenient for the majority of the Brethren was considered, and the minutes of meetings held since the fire were handed to the D. D. G. M., and gone through by him and me, and errors brought to notice. From the tone and earnestness of the W. M. and other members, I judge that El Dorado will rise like a Phœnix from its ashes, possibly with renewed life and vigour.

With the exceptions mentioned, and which were evidently to be ascribed to want of thought and possibly want of knowledge, we met with the greatest courtesy from all ranks in the fraternity, and as we were informed on all sides, that up to this time no Grand Lodge officers had visited them, I believe the effect of our visit will arouse a greater interest in Masonry, and that Grand Lodge will be induced to press on its officers to arrange for more frequent visits.

TRURO.—On the 26th Sept. accompanied by both S. and J. Grand wardens, and a number of prominent Freemasons from different parts of the jurisdiction who were in attendance at the Provincial Exhibition, I visited Truro Lodge of which I have shortly to report, that it maintains the high standing it has always held, and which has accrued by the incorporation of Cobequid Lodge.

WALLACE.—On the 7th Nov., accompanied by R. W. Bro. McDonald, P.D.G.M., and W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, I visited Wallace Lodge, and was much pleased to find this young Lodge in a good healthy working condition, and in sole possession of the Lodge room. The day was raw and cold, many of the brethren live at a considerable distance from the Hall, yet the full attendance proved the interest taken by its members in the reputation of the Lodge.

ACADIA.—The same evening we drove to Pugwash and visited Acadia Lodge, No. 13, and had the gratification to learn, by personal communication with the

brethren, that this old Lodge which has already, more than once, parted with some of its most enthusiastic members to assist in the founding of neighboring Lodges, has, in spite of prognostications, succeeded in holding its own, and according to the somewhat inexplicable, but very usual experience, it is found that the brethren who have the longest distance to come to Lodge, are most regular in attention to duties, and as the district occupied by Acadia is extensive, the regularity of the attendance is proportionately good. I witnessed the raising of a candidate, and took occasion to offer some suggestions in connection with the conferring of this Degree.

WIMBURN.—On the 8th we proceeded in a cold rain storm by road to Oxford, meeting Wimburn Lodge at noon; the Lodge accommodation is excellent, both in room and furniture; representative men of the community form this Lodge, of which the records are well kept, as indeed throughout this district; but I found a curious error in the proceedings had crept in, which it was stated was done under instruction from the late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Crowe, of whose decisions I would speak with great respect; but in this, I conceive he was either misunderstood, or had himself misunderstood the bearing of the question. I allude to the signing of minutes of previous meetings, which I found had been voted as "Approved in Lodge" by the officer who had presided at the meeting referred to. Whereas, I hold that the practice is for the officer actually presiding at the time the minutes are read to sign at once, as a proof of the fact of the acceptance of their accuracy by the brethren present.

WIDOW'S SON.—Proceeding next to River Philip, we visited Widow's Son, which, but for its masculine name, I would describe as the mother of two thriving and prosperous Lodges. Masonry owes a great deal to the earnestness and self-denial of some of the older brethren of Widow's Son who have now twice parted with more than half of their effective strength to establish new Lodges, where the convenience of the brethren and the prospects of a healthy increase of the order warranted this development. It was very satisfactory to learn that the Lodge has not in the long run suffered thereby.

LAURIE.—The same evening we crossed, in heavy rain to Spring Hill and met with Laurie Lodge, No. 70, which has during the past season been doing a moderate amount of work, but has not, in my opinion, increased as much as the increase of population and prosperity in this district would warrant. This is ascribed by some of the brethren to the want of a separate Lodge room, but I urged the Lodge rather to put up with inferior accommodation than to run into debt, warning them of the fate of other Lodges, which had expanded without sufficient solid material, and had collapsed in consequence. I took occasion to press on the Lodge, that, although an increase of membership was desirable, still it would be dearly purchased at the risk of bringing discord into Lodge, or outside discredit on the fraternity by the acts of unworthy members, and pointed out that the ballot was wisely provided to protect the Lodge and the craft, and assuming that it was not used from any unworthy motive, I was glad to notice in all the Lodges that I had visited that the right of rejection had been fully exercised, and that I trusted the entrance gate would be always thus carefully guarded and the greatest discretion exercised in the admission of applicants.

The Local train arrangements would not allow me to carry out my proposed visit to Parrsboro, and time did not admit of my driving to and fro, so I was reluctantly compelled to forego the pleasure of visiting Minas Lodge, which will I trust however, soon receive on official visit.

ACACIA. On the evening of the 9th I brought the visitation of the Lodges in Cumberland County to a fitting termination, by visiting Acacia Lodge at Amherst. The fiery trial through which this Lodge has passed appears to have given it renewed strength. The hall, furniture, &c., leave nothing to be desired, and are but fitting accommodation for the Brethren who occupy the room and form the Lodge.

The second degree was conferred during my visit, with due solemnity; and the work generally was impressive. Lodges such as Acacia are shining lights in Masonry: their influence is far-reaching and is undoubtedly exercised for the good of the craft, and I believe for the spread of the true principles we desire to inculcate and maintain. They establish a high standard of work to which others will endeavor to attain.

All these Lodges are maintaining the credit of the craft; but Acacia Lodge, from its exceptional advantages is enabled to take a prominent position; the Brethren recognize their responsibilities and live up to them; would that as much could be said of all similarly placed.

Poyntz.—On 3rd Dec., accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ruhland, I visited Poyntz Lodge at Hantsport. Owing to the non-residence of the Secretary, and the absence of the W. M., the records of this Lodge were not up to their usual form. The earnest Brethren who have so long and so well worked this Lodge had devolved the duties on younger Brethren in the hope of increasing their interest in Masonic labour; unfortunately the endeavor has not been successful; their interest has apparently not increased and the Lodge work has suffered. Poyntz Lodge is too good a Lodge to fall into incapable hands.

The summons sent out to P. G. L. Officers brought a pleasant reply from P. G. M., M. W. Bro. Sircom, who no longer resides amongst us. The adoption of this practice has thus the good effect of renewing the bonds of union and kindly feelings, and of showing those who are separated from us by long distances that they are not forgotten, but that we remember and recognize those who have done good service to the craft.

I purposely selected for visitation Lodges off the ordinary routes of travel, and, so to speak, less accessible, and which consequently had not been frequently visited by G. L. Officers. It is very pleasant and absorbs far less time and outlay to visit the flourishing Lodges close at hand, and more eclat would attend such visits, but I held that it was rather my duty to bring home to the Lodges at a distance that Grand Lodge felt an equal interest in their welfare. I therefore devoted what time I could afford to the Craft to the Lodges above-named, leaving the City Lodges, and those within reach, to the D. D. G. M., whose duties are under any circumstances arduous.

During the past year the Craft, as a body, has not taken part in any public ceremony. The Pictou County Lodges, however, proposed to avail themselves of the establishment of the district militia camp in the County, to invite all the military Freemasons to a masonic pic-nic, to which Grand Lodge was also invited; but the officer commanding the militia, at the last moment, objected to granting leave to so large a portion of his force to be absent from camp, hence the project, which showed much good feeling and hospitality on the part of the local Lodges, was abandoned.

In some Lodges I have noticed that the application of visitors for admission to the Lodge is not dealt with in a sufficiently cautious manner; the application is announced, a brother present in the Lodge states that he can vouch for the applicant, as he has sat in Lodge with him, and the admission is granted without further enquiry or note. I am of the opinion that the brother who vouches should be required to state in what Lodge he sat with the applicant, and that his name and statement should be recorded on the minutes along with the admission of the visitor, so that if afterwards a visitor, not entitled, should be found to have obtained admission, the responsibility could be traced to the Lodge in fault.

Granville Lodge reports that a fellow craft of their Lodge, on a visit to Scotland, obtained three degrees in a Scotch Lodge, and on his return demanded his third degree in Granville Lodge. I have called for an explanation of the circumstances under which he forgot his obligation to abide by the Constitution of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, and took degrees elsewhere, and requested to be furnished with the name of the Lodge in Scotland which so far deviated from Masonic courtesy as to

ignore our jurisdiction; to this I have not received any satisfactory reply. I have therefore instructed the W. M. of this Lodge to regard the brother as an irregular Mason, and to hold no Masonic intercourse with him, and to notify the neighboring Lodges of the course adopted. We shall best maintain our rights of territorial jurisdiction, to which we lay claim, by making it clear that evasion of those rights will bring no benefit to those who would evade them.

In report of visitations held by me, and by the Dist. Dep. G. Masters, it will be noticed that in some cases, fortunately very rare, the G. L. officers, who had travelled considerable distances to visit Lodges, were hardly treated with civility, far less with courtesy. It is for Grand Lodge to consider whether it will mark in any manner its sense of the want of respect shown to its representatives when acting for it officially. I allude to the visit of R. W. Bro. Crosby to Barrington, and my own to Port Mulgrave and Hawkesbury. Many brethren who are enthusiastic masons, become resident for a term of years in Nova Scotia, in connection with railways, telegraphs, mines, public services, as army and navy, &c., and would wish to join a Lodge here, but, not unnaturally, do not desire to cease their connection with their Lodges elsewhere. As I hold that the provisions of section 41, chap. 14, refer to a dimit from a Lodge in our jurisdiction, in order to prevent dual membership, I have authorized brethren from other jurisdictions being admitted to affiliation, on receipt of certificates of good standing from the Lodges to which they still belong.

A curious case arose in Scotia Lodge:—A brother applied for and received his dimit in 1866, and lately wished to rejoin, and applied for affiliation; but a reference to the Lodge books shews that, although regularly dimitted in 1866, he was suspended for non-payment of dues in 1871. The dimit was of course in force, and he is evidently entitled to apply for affiliation, whilst the brethren have it also in their power to use the ballot-box as a protection to the Lodge, if it should be considered necessary.

I duly received and now read the reply to our resolution of condolence with the Grand Lodge of England on the destruction by fire of the Masonic Temple in London. Such mutual expressions of good will at all times, and of sympathy in times of misfortune, will, I trust, strengthen the bonds that even now so closely unite us to our old mother Grand Lodge.

Although it is not prescribed as a part of my official duties, I have always made a point of calling on the Grand Master and Grand Secretary at the head quarters of any jurisdiction I may visit when travelling; and I thus had the pleasure of being invited to attend the quarterly meeting in September, and the annual meeting in December, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on which occasion the highest Masonic honors were paid to this Grand Lodge in the person of its Grand Master. The dignity with which the proceedings were conducted, afforded me both very great pleasure and very great profit. I could not, however, help noticing that as the time for the election of officers approached, the interest around overpowered the solemn decorum that had so fittingly prevailed, and that even in the model commonwealth of Massachusetts, Masons were but men; this was a relief to me, as showing that our own Grand Lodge was not singular in this respect.

I was also present, by invitation, at the celebration of the Centenary of King Solomon's Lodge at Charlestown, Mass. The founders of this Lodge had been prominent in the events of the revolutionary war and also in the erection of the Bunker Hill Monument, to both of which, very naturally, frequent allusion was made during the celebration, so much so that, when I was called upon to speak, I could not avoid touching on the same topic, and had to remind my hearers that I was not the first British soldier that had visited the men of Charleston; and from my personal experience I could well understand the warmth of the reception those who had preceded me had met with; but I trusted that, in the future, men of the same blood and language would meet on the terms of 1883 and not of 1776.

On issuing a fresh charter to New Caledonia to replace that which was burnt, as Grand Lodge had given no positive instructions, I concluded that by a very simple alteration in phraseology, "to continue" instead of "to constitute," and in naming the officers, omitting the description as "first," our present form of charter answered, and I issued this document as instructed. I also appended a certificate reciting particulars of original charter from Grand Lodge of England, and recognizing that the Lodge retained its seniority under this duplicate charter.

Acting under resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, I issued a dispensation to Bro. McLaren and others to open a Lodge at Barrington: but this dispensation was returned by Bro. McLaren, who expressed an opinion that it would be some years before a lodge could be opened in this locality. After correspondence with Bro. Crosby, and on his recommendation, based on a personal enquiry into the circumstances, I decided that I should be carrying out the wishes of Grand Lodge by establishing a Lodge, as recommended, at Barrington. I have accordingly issued a fresh dispensation to W. Bro. Banks, who is strongly recommended by the D. D. G. M., the other officers remaining as originally in the petition.

Ionic Lodge has made application to remove to Middleton; and, as this is recommended by the D. D. G. M., I submit the application for the approval of Grand Lodge.

I am still most happy to report that no practical inconvenience is experienced by the continued existence amongst us of Royal Standard Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of England. This is to be ascribed to the true Masonic feeling to be found in that Lodge, as well as amongst our own members. The healthy emulation which exists in Royal Standard has made it a model Lodge in its work. Reciprocal courtesies are repeatedly interchanged between it and our own Lodges, and as a proof of the good feeling entertained by Royal Standard toward our jurisdiction I was the recipient during the past year of an address and a handsomely-framed plaque containing photos of all the members of this fine Lodge.

New Brunswick proposes to celebrate the centenary of the introduction of Masonry into that Province by a celebration on 1st July, and I received an invitation from the G. M. to deliver the centennial address; I felt, however, that, whilst it would give me much pleasure to be present, I should suggest that such ad address would come better from the lips of one who was more conversant with the history of Masonry in North America.

I have received from the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania a most interesting communication,—a photographic copy of the ledger of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, dated 1731, which is forwarded as evidence that it was the first Masonic Lodge organized in this country under its colonial existence. I trust Grand Lodge will authorize me to convey its thanks to the G. M. of Pennsylvania for his courtesy and valuable enclosure. From circumstances that have come to my knowledge, I believe it to be quite within the bounds of possibility that evidence will in due time be forthcoming, that a Masonic Lodge regularly met and transacted Masonic business at a much earlier date than 1731 in our own Province. I have been for some time promised the documents by a gentleman who is not a member of the craft, and I trust his disinterested efforts to obtain them will be successful. I may be disappointed either in obtaining the documents or their authenticity, so hesitate to say more.

We this year have to mourn the loss of several brethren who have long taken an active part amongst us, but have now been called from their labors here by the Great Architect of the universe, to take their places in the Grand Lodge above.

R. W. Bro. R. D. Clarke, P. G. Warden, was so well thought of by the brethren in Masonry, that the Lodge at Chester, in which his later Masonic life was passed, was named "Clarke Lodge" after him. R. W. Bro. H. Shaw, P. G. Warden, served the arduous and responsible office of D. D.G.M. for several years in District 3, and the officers and members of the Lodges in that District have often enlarged upon the valuable advice and assistance given by him in his periodical tours and visitations.

W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read was a very capable ritualist, and I have rarely seen the master's degree more impressively conferred than by him in St. Andrew's Lodge. He acted for a length of time as D. D. G. M. of District 5, and rendered good service in this very straggling District.

One of the best known Masons in the jurisdiction, V. W. Bro. John M. Taylor, who was almost a land-mark amongst us, had entered on his twenty-fifth year of service as Grand Tyler, when he was relieved from the duty of guarding the outside porch, and called to his reward within the gate.

We should not be doing justice to the memory of those who have served us faithfully if we did not record our sense of our loss, and I would recommend that memorial pages be inserted in our Proceedings, as records of the respect we entertained for these brethren.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi has just notified me of the death of our representative near that Grand Lodge. Although not personally known to many of us, the position he occupied as P. G. M. of that Grand Lodge, proves that he must have been a Mason worthy of esteem; and I would recommend that this Grand Lodge express sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in its loss, and insert a memorial page as a mark of respect for its own representative.

Our mother Grand Lodge of England has sustained a loss which can be ill repaired in the sudden death of H. R. H. Prince Leopold P. G. W. of England and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. Having been associated with H. R. H, in the discharge of important Masonic duties in England, I can testify to the deep interest he took, in common with his royal brother, in matters Masonic; and, as a son of our Queen, who is patron of Freemasons' charitable institutions in England, and in recognition of the fact that many of our Lodges still work under charters issued from the Grand Lodge of England, with which we thus retain a more than sentimental connection, I would urge that a memorial page be also inserted as a proof of our respect for the young Prince and zealous Mason, so prematurely called away.

At the request of the M. W. Grand Master of Mississippi, I submit for your approval the name of Bro. S. M. Howry, son of our late representative, as the representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

With regret I return to the subject of the Encyclical lately issued against Freemasonry by Pope Leo XIII., who bears a high reputation as an enlightened and liberal-minded man. The Roman Pontiff is strangely in error in the information he has acquired as to the principles and aims of Freemasonry; no greater mistake could have been made than to assert that Freemasonry denies divine revelation and repudiates dogmatical religion.

The first principle of Freemasonry requires the recognition of a Supreme Being; but its scope is not limited by the bounds of any one form of religious belief: it aims at extending throughout the whole human family the principles of morality. Brotherly love, relief and truth are the practices it inculcates; obedience to the civil authority, and a positive prohibition of plots and conspiracies against the state are enforced by its rules,—to deal justly with all, to recognize that all have equal rights, but that a man's honest earnings, whether of position or wealth, are gifts of the Supreme Being, and thus by God's as well as man's law, should be secured to him; this is the socialism of true equality we preach, and endeavor to practice.

Our little Province has not many points on which it can boast itself as taking a lead, but it is able to advert to its action as the pioneer in the removal of religious disabilities; and we own an honest pride in the knowledge that men of different denominations can here live side by side, without permitting their sectarian differences which they honestly recognize, to cause even a ripple to pass over the surface of their social or political life. Few communities can say as much. I well remember the late Archbishop Connolly, in an address delivered by him at Pictou, pointing out that we had ninety-nine subjects on which our sentiments

were in accord, and surely it was not worth while always to be harping on the hundredth on which we happen to differ! Our lamented friend had never passed within the portals of a Masonic Lodge; but in that proposition he gave expression to the truest Masonic principles; and I claim him in this as an exponent of what we desire to inculcate, and thereby enable us as a people to practice in the Province what we, as a Craft, desire to see universally adopted throughout the world.

In a recent adress delivered by Cardinal Manning, R. C. Archbishop of Westminster, in London, he is reported to have said: "If any one thing had "given to the Catholic Church in the last 50 years the power of rising again "above the opposition and prejudice of this country, it was the manifestation of the "undeniable charity of their priests, of their nuns nursing in hospitals and in the "houses of the poor, in those pestilential dwellings where our poor were poisoned "and extinguished, and of the generosity and self-denial of the laity."

Are not these very statements and arguments applicable to the status of Masonry? More than £42,000 are subscribed yearly in England by Masonic Lodges towards the maintenance of aged Freemasons and their destitute children! Enormous sums were raised, almost in a moment, in the Northern States, when the news of the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis and other stricken districts reached the men of the North, and personal service, just such as that spoken of by Cardinal Manning, was as freely rendered: physicians abandoned lucrative practices, and, accompanied by volunteer nurses to attend the helpless sick, took their lives in their hands, in many cases never to return, and pressed down to fight the destroyer.

It is most unfortunate that an ecclesiastic who is supposed to speak with such authority, should have been led to bring such charges against an organization which he can only know from ill-informed advisers.

Like all other institutions of men, the component parts are fallible; but I feel justified in appealing to our past record, and to the principles by which we are guided, however imperfectly carried out, and to the certainty that, however individuals may err, the Craft as a body will come out triumphantly from every attack; and if misrepresentation follow us, we will follow the advice of John Wesley, and live it down.

Fraternally yours,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE.

On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee, consisting of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, R. W. Bro. Rev. F. Partridge, and R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *4th June, 1884.*

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Major-General J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, Presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit, M. W. Bro. William Taylor and R. W. Bro. A. D. McGillvary being appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to act instead of R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, unavoidably absent from Grand Lodge, and the late W. Bro. C. E. Davison.

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A., F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Grand Lodge, the following Report, apart from the usual routine work of the Grand Secretary's Office, and the executing of the official acts of the M. W. Grand Master, referred to in his Address.

The jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia comprises sixty-seven Chartered Lodges, and one under dispensation.

Of the sixty-seven now on the roll of Grand Lodge, sixty-two have forwarded Returns, and having complied with the requirements of Sections 26 and 28 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution, are entitled to be represented at this Annual Communication. Six Secretaries have neglected to supply the information demanded by Grand Lodge, and have consequently shut out their Masters, Wardens and Past Masters from taking part at this Annual Meeting. Section 26 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution says: "Each Lodge *shall*, annually between the date of installation of its officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge, unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed."

Now, if six Secretaries can, with impunity, neglect to make returns in proper time, thirty Secretaries, on the same principle, can do the same thing—can disfranchise their Lodges—can deprive the Representatives and Past Masters of their votes at the Annual Communication, according to the penalty contained in the section just referred to.

Suppose then that the Secretaries of those Lodges, to which the 27 officers of Grand Lodge belong, should do just what the six have done this year, would not those Grand Officers be placed in a doubtful position to say the

least? The possibility of such a contingency as that to which I refer should not be allowed to exist. Secretaries are not, as such, members of Grand Lodge. In many cases to my own knowledge during the past few years they have exhibited much apathy in the matter of forwarding their Lodge returns in time: many Lodges for some years past would have been shut out from Grand Lodge communications but for the persistent dunning of a Grand Lodge officer. My experience convinces me that Past Masters, as a rule, make the best Secretaries.

From the returns we gather the following facts :—

New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, with 122 members is the largest Lodge in the jurisdiction, while Hiram, No. 53, Goldenville, with 11 members, and Temple Lodge, No. 57, Port Mulgrave, with 10 members are the two smallest.

The three largest Lodges are New Caledonia, Albion, and Burns, each having over 100 members.

Keith Lodge, No. 17, Halifax, has done the largest amount of work, having initiated 17, passed 20, and raised 16.

In Halifax city and Dartmouth there are 635 subscribing members.

Halifax County with 12 Lodges returns about 700 members,

Pictou County with 6 Lodges returns 478 members.

Cumberland County with 7 Lodges returns 241 members.

Kings County with 4 Lodges returns 167 members.

Guysborough County with 5 Lodges returns 166 members.

Annapolis County with 4 Lodges returns 135 members.

Colchester County with 3 Lodges returns 137 members.

Shelburne County with 4 Lodges returns 124 members.

Queens County with 2 Lodges returns 107 members.

Lunenburg County with 4 Lodges returns 103 members.

Hants County with 2 Lodges returns 108 members.

Yarmouth County with 2 Lodges returns 94 members.

Digby County with 3 Lodges returns 94 members.

Cape Breton with 9 Lodges returns 317 members.

In all 2971 subscribing members. If to these we add the Lodge under dispensation we will have about 3000 active masons in the jurisdiction, a decided and encouraging increase upon the number returned last year.

### FREEMASONS' HALL.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 26, Chapter 1, of the Constitution, and in obedience to an order from the Grand Master, a meeting of the Trustees elected at the last Annual Communication was held in the Reading-room, when the usual notice of the election was read by the Grand Secretary.

A communication was received from Royal Union and St. Andrew's Chapters, asking that new and appropriate furniture should be supplied for the Chapter-room.

After hearing a full statement from R. E. Companion Cossmann, who was present on invitation as representing the Chapters, on the justice of the request made, the Trustees repaired to the Chapter-room in order to examine its condition. On their return to the Reading-room a resolution was adopted appropriating from the funds of Grand Lodge a sum not to exceed 150 dollars for the purchase of proper and suitable furniture for the use of the Royal Arch Chapters.

A resolution was also passed providing for certain repairs pointed out as necessary by the Janitor, said repairs not to exceed the sum of sixty dollars.

At a meeting of Trustees held Feb. 5, 1884, the Grand Secretary was authorized to accept the sum of seventy dollars as payment in full from A. Stephen and Son, for the use of rooms in the old Hall during the years 1881 and 1882, and to give his receipt for the same.

A resolution was also adopted authorizing an expenditure not to exceed one hundred dollars, in lining the public room of the building, and directing the Secretary to call for tenders for the proposed work.

At a meeting held Feb. 19, 1884, a bill of $25.00 for repairs on the outside of the building and in the basement, was passed and ordered to be paid.

A tender to line the Hall for $90 was accepted, and the work ordered to be done.

At a meeting of the Trustees held March 28, 1884, the Rose Croix Chapter was admitted as a tenant of the Chapter-room at the rate of $40.00 for the first year.

The following are the tenants at present occupying the Freemasons' Hall and the amount of rent paid by each :

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| 11 Lodges at $125 each per annum | $1,375 00 |
| 2 Chapters at $125 " " " | 250 00 |
| 1 Preceptory at $50 " " " | 50 00 |
| 1 Rose Croix at $40 " " " | 40 00 |
| | $1,715 00 |

The almost positive necessity for renovating the public room of this building so as to render it more letable, and consequently more remunerative, has occupied the attention of the trustees at several meetings ; but further than the lining referred to above, and the removal of the very objectional gas fittings which had blackened the ceiling, consumed a large amount of gas, and after all provided but a feeble light, nothing has been done, the trustees preferring that the members of Grand Lodge should see for themselves the condition of the room, and take such steps at this communication as their good judgment may suggest.

RETURNS.

The returns so far received for the year ended May 20th, give the following results :

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| Number initiated | 197 |
| " passed | 187 |
| " raised | 187 |
| " affiliated | 61 |
| " reinstated | 15 |
| " dimitted | 117 |
| " died | 22 |
| " missing | 54 |
| " suspended for unmasonic conduct | 0 |
| " suspended for non-payment of dues | 63 |
| " rejected | 28 |
| " of subscribing members | 2971 |

I have received during the year, and have paid over to the Grand Treasurer the following sums :

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| For dues, fees, &c., &c. | $2901 39 |
| For rent from Freemasons' Hall | 1799 50 |
| In all | $4700 89 |

as will appear from his receipts.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in acct. with* THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, *for the year ending May 20th, 1884.*

| No. | RECEIVED FROM | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Andrew's, to June, 1883.... .... | $ 48 00 | $ ..... | $ 1 50 |
| 1 | St. Andrew's, " " 1884 .... | 41 25 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 2 | St. John's, " " 1883.... .... | 31 50 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 3 | Virgin, " " 1884 ... | 45 75 | 16 00 | 1 50 |
| 4 | Unity, " " 1884.... .... | 31 50 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 5 | Albion, " " 1884 .... | 83 25 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 5 | Albion, back dues for members reinstated .... | 15 75 | ..... | .... |
| 7 | St. Andrew's, " " 1884.... .... | 48 00 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 8 | Acacia, " " 1883 .... | 48 00 | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 8 | Acacia, " " 1884.... .... | | 6 00 | ... |
| 9 | Zetland, " " 1882 .... | 45 00 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 9 | Zetland, " " 1883.... .... | 39 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 10 | Burns, " " 1884 .... | 75 75 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 10 | Burns; dues for a brother reported (missing) 2 yrs | 1 50 | ..... | .... |
| 11 | New Caledonia, to June, 1883, bal.... | | 9 00 | .... |
| 11 | New Caledonia, " " 1884.... .... | 91 50 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 12 | Hiram, " " 1884 .... | 40 50 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 13 | Acadia, " " 1884.... .... | 21 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 14 | Acadia, " " 1883 .... | 38 25 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 15 | Athole, " " 1883.... .... | 37 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 16 | Keith, " " 1884.... .... | 38 25 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 17 | Keith, " " 1883 .... | 33 75 | 14 00 | 1 50 |
| 17 | Keith, " " 1884.... .... | 42 00 | 32 00 | 1 50 |
| 18 | Union, " " 1883 .... | 30 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 18 | Union, " " 1884 .. .... | 29 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 19 | Royal Albert, " " 1884 .... | 41 25 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 19 | Royal Albert; back dues for members' reinstated | 2 25 | ..... | .... |
| 20 | St. George's, bal. due for 1881.... .... | 7 64 | ..... | .... |
| 20 | St. George's, to June, 1884 .... | 21 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 23 | Keith, " " 1884.... .... | 43 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 25 | Westport, " " 1883 .... | 12 00 | | .... |
| 26 | Welsford, " " 1884.... ..... | 52 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 26 | Welsford; dues for a brother reinstated .... | 3 75 | ..... | .... |
| 28 | Scotia, to June, 1884.... .... | 26 25 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 31 | Scotia, on acct. for June, 1883 .... | 10 00 | ..... | .... |
| 32 | Eldorado, " " 1883 .... | 18 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 33 | Annapolis, " 1884.... .... | 34 50 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 33 | Annapolis, for three members, omitted last year | 2 25 | ..... | .... |
| 34 | Queens, to June, 1883.... .... | 56 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 34 | Queens, " " 1884 .... | 58 50 | 15 00 | 1 50 |
| 35 | St. Marks, " " 1884.... .... | 30 00 | 4 00 | .... |
| 36 | Thistle, " " 1884 .... | 25 50 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark, " " 1883.... .. | 51 75 | 16 00 | 1 50 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark, " " 1884 .... | 53 25 | 9 00 | 1 50 |
| 39 | Acacia, " " 1881.... .... | 36 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 39 | Acacia, " " 1882 .... | 33 75 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 41 | Rothsay, " " 1884.... . .. | 26 25 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 42 | Eureka, " " 1884 .... | 42 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 42 | Eureka, back dues for members returned .... | 2 25 | .... . | .... |
| 43 | Truro, to June, 1884 .... | 38 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 44 | Poyntz, " " 1883.... .... | 24 75 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 44 | Poyntz, " " 1884 ..... | 28 50 | 11 00 | 1 50 |
| 45 | Tyrian Youth, " " 1884.... .... | | 8 00 | .... |
| 46 | Solomon, " " 1883 .... | 16 50 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 46 | Solomon, " " 1884.... .... | 14 25 | .... | 1 50 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.—*(Continued.)*

| No. | RECEIVED FROM | Dues. | Diplomas. | Proceedings. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Widow's Son, bal. for 1881 .... | $ 11 25 | $ ..... | $ 1 50 |
| 50 | Western Star, to June, 1884.... .... | 66 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 51 | Eastern Star, " " 1884 .... | 39 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 52 | Harmony, " " 1884.... .... | 43 50 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 52 | Harmony; for members' reinstated .... | 3 00 | ..... | .... |
| 53 | Hiram, to June, 1884.... .... | 8 25 | ..... | .... |
| 54 | King Solomon, on acct for 1883 .... | 8 50 | ..... | .... |
| 54 | King Solomon, to June, 1884..... .... | 19 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 55 | Morien, " " 1883 .... | 15 75 | 2 00 | .... |
| 56 | Harmony, " " 1884..... .... | 14 25 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 57 | Temple, " " 1884 .... | 7 50 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 58 | Kentville, " " 1884 ... .... | 33 75 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 63 | Corinthian, " " 1884 .... | 32 25 | 8 00 | .... |
| 64 | Richmond, " " 1884.... .... | 16 50 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 66 | Sircom; balance for 1882 .... | 23 00 | ..... | .... |
| 66 | Sircom, to June, 1883.... .... | 24 75 | ..... | .... |
| 66 | Sircom, " " 1884 .... | 18 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 67 | Minas, " " 1884.... .... | 27 00 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 68 | Curren, " " 1884 .... | 23 25 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 69 | Charity, " " 1884.... .... | 24 75 | 4 00 | 1 50 |
| 70 | Laurie; balance due for 1883 .... | | 2 00 | .... |
| 70 | Laurie, to June, 1884.... .... | 21 00 | 8 00 | 1 50 |
| 71 | Granville, " " 1884 .... | 18 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 |
| 72 | Eastern Light, " " 1883.... .... | 26 25 | 6 00 | 1 50 |
| 72 | Eastern Light, " " 1884 .... | 30 00 | 10 00 | 1 50 |
| 73 | Ionic, " " 1884.... .... | 22 50 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 74 | North Star, " " 1883 .... | 32 25 | ..... | .... |
| 76 | Wallace, " " 1884.... .... | 21 75 | ..... | 1 50 |
| 77 | Hudson, " " 1884 .... | 12 00 | ..... | 1 50 |
| | | $ 2417 64 | $ 378 00 | $ 93 00 |
| | Received for Dispensation, from Corinthian, 3rd degree .... .... .... .... | 5 00 | | |
| | Received for the Benevolent Fund, from Sircom Lodge .... .... .... .... | 3 75 | | |
| | Received for renewal of Diplomas: | | | |
| | From Eastern Light, for Bro. Atwater (original returned) .... .... .... .... | 1 00 | | |
| | " Thistle, for Bro. J. Wilson, (original lost) | 1 00 | | |
| | " Eureka, " H. Dixon, " | 1 00 | | |
| | " New Caledonia, for Bro. K. J. McKenzie, (original lost) .... .... .... .... | 1 00 | | |

## RECAPITULATION.

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| Received for dues ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... | $ 2417 64 |
| " " Diplomas and enrolments ..... ..... | 378 00 |
| " " Proceedings ..... ..... ..... ..... | 93 00 |
| " " Dispensation ..... ..... ..... | 5 00 |
| " " Benevolent Fund ..... ..... ..... | 3 75 |
| " " Renewal of Diplomas ..... ..... | 4 00 |
| | $ 2901 39 |

## FREEMASONS' HALL ACCOUNT.

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| Received for rent from :— | |
| St. Andrew's Lodge, to Nov. 1, 1883, ½ year ..... ..... | $ 62 50 |
| St. John's " to May 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 125 00 |
| Virgin " to May 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 126 00 |
| Royal Sussex, " " 1, 1883, ..... ..... | 113 50 |
| Burns " " 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 132 00 |
| Acadia " to Nov. 1, 1883, 1½ years.... ..... | 191 50 |
| Athole " " 1, 1883, ½ year ..... ..... | 62 50 |
| Keith " to May 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 133 00 |
| Lodge of St. Mark, to Nov 1, 1883, ½ " ..... ..... | 62 50 |
| Royal Standard, to May 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 130 00 |
| Royal Union Chapter, " 1, 1884, 1 " ..... ..... | 125 00 |
| St. Andrew's Chapter, to Nov. 1, 1883, ½ " ..... ..... | 62 50 |
| Preceptory of Knights Templar, to May 1, 1884, 1 year ..... | 50 00 |
| A. Stephen & Son, for use of the old Hall ..... ..... | 70 00 |
| Rent of Public Hall ..... ..... ..... ..... ..... | 353 50 |
| Total amt. from Freemasons' Hall for the year ..... | $ 1799 50 |
| Amt. rec'd for dues, &c., &c., from the Jurisdiction ..... ..... | 2901 39 |
| Total amt. rec'd and paid Grand Treasurer, as per receipts herewith submitted ..... ..... ..... ..... | $ 4700 89 |

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## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, *in acct. with* JAMES DEMPSTER, *Grand Treasurer.*

| 1883. | DR. | |
|---|---|---|
| June 7. | To cash paid D. Fraser, Rep. from Curren Lodge, No. 68, travelling expenses, 1883.....$ | 4 75 |
| " | " A. Etter, Rep. from Unity Lodge, No. 4, travelling expenses, 1883 ..... | 9 50 |
| " | " D. McAulay, Rep. from Tyrian Youth, No. 45, travelling expenses, 1883..... | 17 75 |
| " | " J. McPhail, Rep. from Sircom, No. 66, travelling expenses, 1880 ..... | 23 00 |
| " | " J. McPhail, Rep. from Sircom Lodge, No. 66, travelling expenses, 1883..... | 17 00 |
| " | " A. H. Ewing, Rep. from Harmony Lodge, No. 52, travelling expenses, 1883..... | 6 85 |
| " | " A. S. Ruggles, Rep. from Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, travelling expenses, 1883..... | 9 00 |
| " | " J. P. Trefry, Rep. from Concord Lodge, No. 24, travelling expenses, 1883..... | 16 00 |

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| June 7. | To cash paid | A. C. McKenzie, rep. from Truro Lodge, No. 43, travelling expenses, 1883 | $ 6 50 |
| | " " | A. Fraser, rep. from Albion Lodge, No. 5, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 50 |
| | " " | W. J. Moffat, rep. from Acacia Lodge, No. 8, travelling expenses, 1883 | 9 38 |
| | " " | D. Lawlor, rep. from Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19, travelling expenses, 1883 | 16 00 |
| | " " | A. H. McKay, rep. from Keith Lodge, No. 23, travelling expenses, 1883 | 8 50 |
| | " " | A. J. Munroe, rep. from Laurie Lodge, No. 70, travelling expenses, 1883 | 9 00 |
| | " " | W. E. Starratt, rep. from Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 94 |
| | " " | M. Connors, rep. from Western Star Lodge, No. 50, travelling expenses, 1883 | 8 00 |
| | " " | T. R. Ilsley, rep. from Ionic Lodge, No. 73, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 83 |
| | " " | T. B. Crosby, rep. from Hiram Lodge, No. 12, travelling expenses, 1880-81 | 15 51 |
| | " " | T. B. Crosby, rep. from Hiram Lodge, No. 12, travelling expenses, 1882 | 20 00 |
| | " " | T. B. Crosby, rep. from Hiram Lodge, No. 12, travelling expenses, 1883 | 20 00 |
| | " " | S. R. Sleep, rep. from St. George's Lodge, No. 20, travelling expenses, 1883 | 9 75 |
| | " " | S. R. Sleep, for travelling expenses of rep. St. George's Lodge, No. 20, (1880) | 7 64 |
| | " " | J. L. McKim, rep. from Wallace Lodge, No. 76, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 75 |
| | " " | A. S. Mackintosh, rep. from Wimburn Lodge, No. 75, travelling expenses, 1883 | 7 80 |
| | " " | R. L. Black, rep. from Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48, travelling expenses, 1883 | 8 09 |
| | " " | W. F. Tanner, rep. from New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 50 |
| | " " | J. Greener, rep. from Hudson Lodge, No. 77, travelling expenses, 1883 | 10 50 |
| | " " | A. Bain, rep. from Solomon Lodge, No. 46, travelling expenses, 1880 | 18 00 |
| | " " | L. E. Hart, for travelling expenses of G. W. Scott, Eastern Light Lodge, No. 72, 1880-81 | 22 00 |
| 8. | " " | North Brit. Fire Ins. Co. on furniture and regalia $4000 | 30 00 |
| 16. | " " | G. Sec. for postage stamps | 2 00 |
| 27. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, services attending public room, 8 meetings $1.50 each | 12 00 |
| 30. | " " | Guardian Ins. Co. on Freemasons' Hall to July 1, 1884, $10,000 | 50 00 |
| July 18. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, services attending public room, 5 meetings at $1.50 | 7 50 |
| | " " | D. McAlpine & Co. for directory for 1883 | 2 50 |
| Aug. 10. | " " | J. Martin, janitor, salary from May 1st to July 31st—13 weeks at $3.00 per week | 39 00 |
| | " " | J. N. and T. Ritchie, professional services in 1879 | 75 80 |
| | " " | Discount on foreign money | 53 |

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| Aug. 20. | To cash paid | | Commercial Union Ins. Co. on $5,000 to Aug. 26, 1884 | $ | 25 00 |
| 30. | " | " | Water rates to May 1st, 1883 | | 51 00 |
| Sep. 1. | " | " | Gas Co. to Aug. 4, 1883, 22400 cub. ft. at $2.50. | | 56 00 |
| Nov. 9. | " | " | J. Martin. janitor, salary from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, 13 weeks at $3.00 per week | | 39 00 |
| | " | " | J. Martin, janitor, services attending public hall, 4 meetings at $1.50 each | | 6 00 |
| 28. | " | " | Royal Sussex, coupons to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 40 00 |
| | " | " | Queen Ins. Co. on $15000 at ½ per cent. to Nov. 28, 1883 | | 75 00 |
| | " | " | G. Sec. for postage stamps | | 4 00 |
| | " | " | Gas Co. to Nov. 5, 1883, 21600 cub. ft. at $2.50. | | 54 00 |
| Dec. 22. | " | " | Postage stamps | | 15 00 |
| | " | " | Coupons—Keith Lodge to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 12 00 |
| | " | " | J. Martin, janitor, services attending public room to Dec. 14, 4 meetings at $1.50 | | 6 00 |
| 27. | " | " | Postage stamps | | 4 00 |
| | " | " | Telegrams | | 2 85 |
| Jan. 10. | " | " | Mrs. Donaldson, ½ year's interest on $22,000 at 6 per cent., to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 660 00 |
| " 22. | " | " | Coupons, St. John's Lodge, to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 43 20 |
| " 23. | " | " | Nova Scotia Printing Co., 600 copies Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1883,—15 forms, at $13.50 ..... $202.50 | | |
| " | " | " | N. S. Printing Co.'y—other printing ..... 12.75 | | 215 25 |
| " | " | " | G. J. Harris, Stove Pipe, &c., &c | | 25 05 |
| Feb. 4. | " | " | J. Martin, Janitor; salary from Oct. 31st to Jan. 31st,—13 weeks at $3 per week | | 39 00 |
| " 13. | " | " | Gas Co. to Feb. 5, 1884, 20,900 cubic feet, at $2.50 | | 52 25 |
| " | " | " | Coupons, Lodge of St. Mark, to Dec., 1883 | | 8 00 |
| " | " | " | " Athole Lodge, to Dec., 1883 | | 8 00 |
| " 21. | " | " | J. Ruhland, repairs to building | | 25 00 |
| March 4. | " | " | J. Martin, Janitor, services attending public room —8 meetings, at $1.50 each | | 12 00 |
| " 22. | " | " | Coupons, L. J. Bland, to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 4 00 |
| " 25. | " | " | Cash—Postage Stamps | | 4 00 |
| May 5. | " | " | Estate J. M. Taylor, acct. for tyling to June, 1883 | | 30 00 |
| " | " | " | J. Martin, Janitor, salary from Jan. 31st to May 1st—13 weeks at $3 per week | | 39 00 |
| " | " | " | J. Martin, Janitor. services attending public room, 6 meetings, to April 29, at $1.50 each. | | 9 00 |
| " 15. | " | " | Cash for Postage Stamps | | 5 00 |
| " | " | " | Coupons, J. Fortune, to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 80 |
| " | " | " | Coupons, Burns Lodge, to Dec. 1, 1883 | | 48 00 |
| " 16. | " | " | Gas Co. to May 7, 1884, 33,100 cubic feet at 2.50 | | 82 75 |
| " 27. | " | " | F. C. Stevens, coal to April 12, 1884 | | 179 12 |
| " 28. | " | " | Grand Secretary on account | | 500 00 |
| " | " | " | Cash for postage stamps | | 2 00 |
| " 29. | " | " | Water rates to May 1st, 1884 | | 63 50 |
| " | " | " | City, county, poor, school rates for 1882 | | 249 07 |
| " | " | " | City, county, poor, school rates for 1883-4 | | 288 00 |
| " | " | " | A. Stephen & Son, furnishing Royal Arch Chapter room | | 150 00 |
| " 31 | " | " | Morning Chronicle, funeral notice | | 3 75 |

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| May 31. | To cash paid | Morning Herald, funeral notice | $ 3 75 |
| " | " | " A. & W. MacKinlay, diplomas and stationery | 138 95 |
| " | " | " J. W. Ruhland, lining public room | 90 00 |
| " | " | " Jas. W. Doley, printing circulars, notices, &c. | 10 25 |
| " | " | " Coupons, St. Andrew's Lodge to Dec. 1, 1883 | 104 00 |
| June 2. | " | " Mrs. Donaldson, interest to June 1, 1884, ½ year on $22,000 at 6 per cent | 660 00 |
| " | " | " Coupons, Virgin Lodge, to Dec. 1, 1883 | 92 00 |
| " | " | " Coupons, Royal Union Chapter, to Dec. 1, '83 | 84 00 |
| " | " | " Wm. Macnab, printing to May 29, '84 | 20 50 |
| " | " | " Morning Herald, An. Communication for '84 | 6 00 |
| " | " | " Morning Chronicle, " " " | 6 00 |
| " | " | " E. Walsh, glazing, &c., &., 1883 | 4 85 |
| | | Total paid out | $4930 43 |
| | | To cash to balance | 494 80 |
| | | | $5425 23 |

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| 1883. | | | | |
| June 7. | By Balance | $ | | 724 34 |
| 28. | By cash from Grand Secretary | | 78 00 | |
| Aug. 10. | " " " | | 205 64 | |
| Nov. 28. | " " " | | 226 50 | |
| Dec. 13. | " " " | | 145 00 | |
| " 22. | " " " | | 205 75 | |
| 1884. | | | | |
| Jan. 22. | " " " | | 175 25 | |
| " | " " " | | 127 00 | |
| Feb. 13. | " " " | | 125 00 | |
| Mar. 25. | " " " | | 193 50 | |
| May 15. | " " " | | 599 00 | |
| " 22. | " " " | | 300 25 | |
| " 28. | " " " | | 915 75 | |
| " | " " " | | 154 25 | |
| " 31. | " " " | | 500 25 | |
| " 31. | " " " | | 163 50 | |
| June 2. | " " " | | 321 50 | |
| " | " " " | | 264 75 | |
| | | | | $4700 89 |
| | | | | $5425 23 |
| | | Cash paid out | | 4930 43 |
| | | Balance on hand. | | $494 80 |

JAMES DEMPSTER.
*Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

# SUPPLEMENTARY ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

In submitting the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters I would mention that, immediately after these officers were appointed, I called on them to inform me what Lodges they would be prevented visiting, so that I might make arrangements to ensure that each Lodge in the jurisdicition should be visited by some Grand Lodge Officer, and on hearing from the several D. D. Grand Masters, I at once named prominent members of Grand Lodge to visit these Lodges as my Representative, but regret to note that, after all, some of the Lodges, from causes stated by the D. D. G. Masters in their reports, have not been visited.

I have already reported the visits paid by me during the year.

## DISTRICT I.

In alluding to R. W. Bro. Ruhland's report, I have first to express my thanks to him for the ready manner in which he accepted the duty of visiting Lodges in Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, and I now read a letter received by me from Lunenburg Co. showing how much R. W. Bro. Ruhland's visit was appreciated. In Bro. Ruhland's case it was no mere formal visit of ceremony, but a thorough investigation of the work and records of these Lodges was carried through, and I anticipate an increase of zeal among the West Shore Brethren as the result of this visit.

R. W. Bro. Ruhland refers in his report on District I to the largely increased interest in masonic matters exhibited by the several Lodges. I am not of those who believe that interest rises and falls like the tide at regularly recurring intervals: there are causes for such changes, and in this particular case, the increased interest is largely to be ascribed to the enthusiasm manifested by Bro. Ruhland in the discharge of his duties, which has infected those with whom he has come in contact: the Craft in Halifax owes him hearty thanks for the stimulus he has given.

Bro. Ruhland has mentioned to me his earnest wish that Unity Lodge, Lunenburg, might become owners of a more appropriate place of meeting than now possessed by them. I believe he has urged this on the Brethren, and I trust they will be induced to take steps to provide themselves with a masonic hall. I think I can promise the Brethren of Lunenburg, that, if they invite the G. M. and G. L. to assist in the laying of the foundation stone or the dedication of the edifice, a large number of the Craft will go from the capital to prove their sympathy with the undertaking, and to seize the chance of a visit to what is now probably the most enterprising County in the Province.

In reference to Bro. Ruhland's suggestion in the case of St. Andrew's, No. 1, that when the W. M. and Wardens are not in attendance, a P. M. should be empowered to take the chair and open Lodge, I am not prepared to support this recommendation. I consider that, of three officers who have accepted a position of authority and solemnly pledged themselves to discharge the duties faithfully, at least one should always be found present in his place; and if proper care is exercised by the Lodge in making the selection of brethren whose previous Masonic record justifies the choice, I consider the Charter of the Lodge may safely be left in their keeping.

Bro. Ruhland calls attention to irregularities and omissions in Union Lodge; I trust that his remarks will induce his successor to give especial attention to the working of this Lodge, and that the W. M. and officers will lay to heart what has been said, and thoroughly reform. The other irregularities which Bro. Ruhland reports he dealt with at the time, and it is to be hoped they will not recur.

Eureka Lodge was not visited.

DISTRICT 2.

R. W. Bro. Crosby reports satisfactorily of his District, and hopes that the change of meeting place of Concord to Clark's Harbor, and the re-establishment of Philadelphia at Barrington, will tend to the advancement of masonry.

Westport, Taylor, Albert and Harmony Lodges were not visited, the two former did not furnish returns last season.

Bro. Crosby is much tied by official business; but his interest in masonry is great, and he advises, I believe for the best interests of the Craft.

DISTRICT 3.

R. W. Bro. Harris reports simply and to the point. Lodges that have been hitherto reported as doing well have not deteriorated.

Granville Lodge shews irregularity in meeting, and has neglected to furnish the information called for by me in regard to Bro. Bogart, who appears to take a very unwarranted tone towards this Lodge.

The change in place of meeting of Ionic may give them increased strength.

The report on Scotia is discouraging.

It was at my particular request that Bro. Harris visited Poyntz Lodge. I cannot understand how brethren could accept the position of Master and Secretary unless they intended to discharge the duties.

Welsford is not reported as visited. I appointed W. Bro. Robinson to visit Keith and King Solomon Lodges. The former is satisfactory as usual. I regret that we have no better report from Digby.

DISTRICT 4.

R. W. Bro. McDonald, as all who meet him in the Grand Lodge, where he is a regular attendant, know, is an amusing companion, and I much appreciated his accompanying me on my tour in cape Breton and Guysborough Connties. His description of our search for light on both sides of the Straits of Canso is not at all exaggerated, nor is his account of the interest shown in Masonry in other parts of Richmond and Guysborough Counties.

The question of non-affiliates is an ever-recurring one. I believe we cannot solve it otherwise than by being more careful in the original selection of our material, and then making Lodge meetings and Masonic work important and attractive.

All the Lodges in Cumberland were visited by me, except Minas, which I had delegated to W. Bro. C. J. Townshend, but domestic affliction, and, later on, political engagements, have prevented him from carrying out this duty.

DISTRICT 5.

R. W. Bro. McGillivray's business like document tells all that is to be said about District 5. He visited every Lodge.

REMARKS.

All District D. G. Masters feel that the duty devolving upon them is a serious tax on both time and pocket; and as no provision is made for payment of their expenses, it is greatly to their credit that such full reports are furnished. Knowing as I well do, the extreme importance of obtaining thoroughly capable brethren to fill these responsible positions, I consider that Grand Lodge should confer some mark of approval on those who faithfully serve it. Whilst filling these positions, these brethren are required to provide and appear in Grand Lodge clothing appropriate to their rank, but on the completion of the duty they revert to ordinary M. M. garb, and bear no distinction shewing the service they have rendered. I have therefore given notice of a motion which will empower Grand Lodge to

receive and act upon the recommendation of the G. M. that honorary rank as Past G. Officer should be conferred on those who for a certain period have discharged duties which, next to those of G. M., G. S., and G. Treasurer, are the most arduous devolving on Grand Lodge officers.

Whether it will be well to alter the number of Districts or to continue as at present and desire the G. M. to act as I did during the past year, i. e., appoint Brethren of capacity to visit those Lodges, which, the deputies see no possibility of undertaking, will be for Grand Lodge to consider.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

*Grand Master.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. Macdonald, the Supplementary Address of the Grand Master was referred to the Special Committee on the Annual Address.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

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## REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEP. GRAND MASTERS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

*To Major-General John Wimburn Laurie, D. C. L., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

M. W. SIR AND BRO.,—In the first place allow me to tender my thanks for the honour you conferred upon me, by appointing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. Master, which was quite unexpected. I have to the best of my ability performed the responsible duties of the office, and I trust, to your satisfaction.

On the 2nd January, 1884, I received authority from you to visit the Lodges in Lunenburg and Queen's Counties. In obedience thereto I left home on the 5th January for Lunenburg; and on the 8th left Mahone Bay for Chester, W. Bro. John West of Charity Lodge accompanying me. In the evening I made my first official visit to Clarke Lodge No 61, having previously examined their books for the last three years They are very neatly kept, but I found a number of irregulaities. One will suffice: A Brother who was made a Mason in this Lodge removed to the States; being absent a number of years he wrote to the Secretary asking the amount of his back dues, but before he received an answer sent the Lodge twenty dollars and asked for his dimit. His dues amounted to $18,50. A motion was made and passed *to remit the Bro $1.50 back dues* They then granted him his dimit, but made no record on the minutes. I ordered the record to be made in justice to this Bro. who received his dimit.

I also ordered Past Master Smith to sign the minutes of last year which he neglected to do during the incumbency of his office. They informed me they worked as well as they knew how, but had they previously received adequate instruction, these irregularities would not have occurred.

This Lodge had been unfortunate with regard to its Master, he being absent nearly the whole year. The Lodge room is very neatly furnished and beautifully frescoed for which the brethren deserve great credit, and I am sure from what I saw and from their anxiety to gain information, this Lodge must prosper in the future.

On the evening of the 9th I visited Charity Lodge, Mahone Bay, having previously examined their books and found them very neatly and correctly kept in every particular. This is a flourishing Lodge, partly due to the zeal of Past Master West, who is a tower of strength to the Lodge. They are in a healthy state financially and only have the small amount of twenty dollars back dues on their book ; the Secretary expects to collect that before the first of June.

I visited Unity Lodge, No. 4 on the evening of the 10th. This is an old Lodge and some of the old land-marks are still alive. Wor. Bros. Jost and Townshend are always present at their meetings, and perform their duties faithfully.

W. Bro Etter is a very enthusiastic Mason, and Rev. Bro. Harris an efficient Secretary, but I found matters in a very bad state, the minutes irregular and no registry book, no dues book, no visitors' book, and no receipt book. I directed the W. M. to procure these books at once, which he has since done. I trust for future their work will be done in a business-like manner, and augur for this Lodge a prosperous future. They are in a healthy state financially, having $400,00 in funds. We had a very large meeting, prominent among those present were R. W. Bro. Theodore Cossmann, and a number of brethren from Charity Lodge, Mahone Bay.

On the 11th I visited Acacia, No. 39, Bridgewater. Their books are well kept by their very efficient Secretary, Bro. Wentzel. This lodge is in rather an apathetic state having a large amount of back dues on their books ; however I gave them some wholesome advice, which I think will do them good ; I trust they will do better in the future. I collected $85.50 from them due G. L. Here I also had the pleasure of R. W. Bro. Cossmann's company.

On the evening of the 12th I visited Zetland, No. 9. Their books are very neatly and correctly kept by their very excellent secretary Bro. West. These brethren have been labouring under difficulties for years ; but now feel that they can work along independently.

They deserve the greatest credit for holding on as they have, and I hope and trust they will continue to grow and prosper. I collected from this Lodge the sum of $89.75—two years' back dues, due G. L. Let us encourage these brethren of Zetland Lodge for their industry and fidelity.

Alas ! how often we are disappointed in our brightest anticipations ! In conversation with some of the brethren, while in Liverpool, they thought of making an effort to regain their building ; but since the above was written, fire has consumed building, furniture, and all they possesed as a Lodge, with the exception of Charter and Banner.

On the evening of the 14th I visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 29, held at Milton. I examined their minutes very carefully and found them correctly kept. This is a model Lodge, and deserving of the highest commendation. They have one of the neatest rooms in the Province, beautifully furnished, and best of all they own the building, do not owe one dollar, and have a good shot in the locker. These brethren were burned out twice, and lost all they owned as a Lodge, except Square and Compasses ; but nothing daunted,—they went to work with a will and are now independent : may they long continue to be so, is my fervent prayer.

This ends my official duties in these two Counties ; all the meetings were well attended, and marked attention was paid to all I had to say, and I am sure great

good will result from this visit. All the Lodges expressed their gratitude to you, for sending an officer to visit them officially, and hoped you would continue to do so from year to year.

I would advise that these Lodges be attached to District No. 1, as it is easy to get to either of them, the work of the present No. 1 District being comparatively easy.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren of Queen's and Lunenburg Counties for their kindness and courtesy to me as your representative: I need not mention names, as they all treated me alike well.

My official duties began in Halifax County on the 4th of Feb., 1884, by visiting St. John's Lodge, No. 2, now over 100 years in existence. The Lodge was in charge of the S. W., the W. M. being absent in England.

I previously examined the books, and was impressed with the fact that the Lodge had suffered to a great extent, through the absence from the city not only of the W. M. of that year, but of several of those who had preceded him.

But from a very important change which has since taken place in the administration of the affairs of this venerable Lodge, and from the infusion of new life, energy, and activity into its concerns, a psosperous future may fairly be anticipated.

On the evening of the 6th I visited St. Andrew's No. 1. Their books are well kept by their excellent Secretary, Bro. Cogswell. The attendance was very small. I noticed a break in the meetings of this old Lodge, the first I think since its organization in 1768, 116 years ago. On the 4th Sept, 1883, they had no meeting, on account of the absence of the W.M. and both Wardens, the W. M. on this occasion being out of the Province. I think there should be some legislation empowering a Past Master to open a lodge under such circumstances, as under the Constitution of England.

On the 6th I visited Burns Lodge, No. 10. This is a large and prosperous Lodge. Their books are neatly and correctly kept by their very efficient Secretary, W. Bro. A. Waddell. It is also a wealthy Lodge, just what may be expected from so careful a Treasurer as W. and venerable Bro. James Fortune, who has been Treasurer of this Lodge for the last thirty years.

On the 7th I visited Royal Sussex, No. 6. This Lodge is not up to its usual standard, and the officers do not attend as they should. On examining their books I found that, on the 5th April, a petition was received and handed to the investigating committee; that they reported on said petition, when a motion was made and passed to withdraw the same. I held that this was unconstitutional, and ruled that the petition must be submitted to the ballot. There were several other irregularities, but of no great consequence.

On the 8th I visited the Lodge of St. Mark. Their books are splendidly kept by their highly efficient Secretary. The W. M., Bro. Adams, is an enthusiastic mason, and well up in the work. I trust the members of this Lodge will arise, and encourage the W. M. so that they may assume their former glory.

On the 11th I visited Acadia, No. 14. This being my own lodge, I have very little to say. The books are very neatly and correctly kept, and the W. M. deserves much credit, for the way he has worked his lodge this year.

On the 12th I visited Eastern Star Lodge, Dartmouth, accompanied by a large representation from the City Lodges.

Their books are very well kept, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition, in every respect. It will be remembered that a few years ago, they were about surrendering the Charter of the Lodge; but a few of the Brethren went to work with a will, and built the Lodge up, and to day they stand A. 1. in this district. They have a very handsome room, beautifully equipped; and much praise is due to the W. M., Bro. White for their prosperous condition during his term of office.

On the 14th I visited Keith Lodge, No. 17. This Lodge is now in a prosperous condition: they held during the year 15 meetings and received 26 petitions.

The books of the lodge are correctly kept. I noticed that they initiated six

candidates at one communication, which was not right, (no need of such haste) as by the ancient charges it is held that not more than five candidates should be initiated at one and the same meeting.

On the 18th I visited Union Lodge, No. 18. I examined their minutes very carefully, and regret to say they not are so correctly kept as in previous years, as reported by the then D. D. G. Master. A great many of the headings are written in lead pencil, although one of my predecessors, two years ago, ordered to have them written in ink, to which they have not paid the slightest attention. I ordered the W. M. to have the minutes written up at once in ink. Special attention should be given to this Lodge.

On the 26th I visited Virgin Lodge, No. 3. This grand old lodge was well represented, and a large number of visitors present. Their books are a model of neatness, and reflect great credit on their Secretary, Bro. Tupper. W. Bro. Ross is a tower of strength and proved himself a master indeed, for under his administration the Lodge has grown very much. However, this is a model lodge: they are blessed with good officers, who have been regular in their attendance, and their meetings have been largely attended. Certain of their Past-Masters are always present: especially prominent in their attendance are W. Bro. Hesson, P. M., and the G. Secretary, W. Bro. Curren.

On the 27th I visited Athole, No. 15. This was the largest meeting of the season, and a very pleasant and, I trust, a profitable one to all present.

The W. M., Bro. Landis, is a very zealous mason, and takes great pleasure in making his lodge attractive. He does his work well. Their books are all that could be expected, being kept by their experienced Secretary, W. Bro. Williams.

Before closing this short, and perhaps in some respects imperfect report of my official duties as D. D. G. M., District No. 1, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the various Lodges visited, for the respectful and very courteous manner in which I have been received as your representative. Upon every occasion my suggestions were received with the attention and consideration due to the high and distinguished position I have for the last twelve months occupied as your locum tenens.

The attendance at all of my official visitations in point of numbers was very gratifying. Several Brothers occupying high positions in the craft, especially in Grand Lodge, were never absent. Of these I desire to make special mention of R. W. Bro. Curren, Grand Secretary, whose long experience in the office he occupies, and whose extensive reading and research in Masonic Literature, clothe his advice and suggestions with more than ordinary importance and value.

The year just passed has developed, most unmistakably, a largely increased interest in masonic matters, in the lodges in this district, at least; and, as a prosperous tide appears to have set in in our favour, let us take it at the flood, and profit by its advancing flow.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. RUHLAND,

*D. D. G. M., District No. 1.*

Halifax, June 4, 1884.

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## SECOND DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J Wimburn Laurie, D.C.L., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:—*

In submitting my report on District No. 2, I have to acknowledge that the duties devolving on me as District Deputy Grand Master have been performed only in part.

Having been informed that during the winter months would be the best time to

visit Lodges at Westport and the lower part of Shelburne County, I omitted to visit them during the autumn; and when the winter came, unexpected official duties prevented my leaving home.

I did what to me seemed the next best thing, viz, to write to the different Lodges expressing my regrets, and assuring them of the best wishes of Grand Lodge. I received very courteous replies from Bro. E. C. Bowers, Secretary of Westport Lodge, No. 25, who informed me that the Lodge is in a healthy condition; and from Bro. J. G. Richardson, Secretary of Taylor Lodge, No. 62, who writes that the Lodge has made returns to Grand Lodge, and is in good working order; and while regretting that they have not been favoured with an official visit from the Grand Master or one of his Deputies for some time past, they are looking forward to such a visit with anticipated pleasure.

I visited Concord Lodge, No. 24, at Cape Island on the 10th of December last past. The attendance was small, owing in part to the fact that the place of meeting was located several miles distant from Clark's Harbor, where quite a large number of the Brethren reside.

Since the date of my visit the location of this Lodge has been changed to Clark's Harbor; this, I think, will insure growth and prosperity.

Having been informed that the dispensation issued by the Grand Master to revive the late Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, Barrington, had been returned to him by the W. Brother who had been appointed to act as Master of said Lodge, I immediately wrote the Grand Master, and recommended that another dispensation be forwarded to W. Bro. John N. Banks. The Grand Master having acted on the recommendation, I am pleased to be able to report that the Lodge has been reorganized and, in my opinion, has before it a successful future.

I granted a dispensation to Scotia and Hiram Lodges, to wear Masonic clothing and form a procession to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, on the 27th of December last.

I visited Hiram Lodge, No. 12, officially at the regular meeting in April, and at the request of the W. Master installed the officers elect. I also visited Scotia Lodge, No. 31, officially at the regular meeting in May; the fact that Past J. G. W. Bro. S. H. Pelton and W. Bro. T. B. Flint are members of this Lodge is a sufficient guarantee that all work is well done; and while modesty prevents me from saying much in reference to my mother Lodge, "Hiram," I may be permitted to state that I think the members of both Hiram and Scotia Lodges strive to sustain their reputation, and are animated by the laudable ambition to excel in good work and deeds.

W. Bro. W. Downey forwarded to me some of the property of Philadelphia Lodge, which he had omitted to send to Grand Lodge; I delivered the same to the brethren who now constitute Philadelphia Lodge.

W. Bro. Lent, one of the charter members of Freeport Lodge, No. 65, has handed me the charter, books and other movable property of that Lodge, which I have returned to the Grand Secretary.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to assure you that I heartily appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the appointment; and while regretting that I have been enabled to do so little, I trust what has been done will merit your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. CROSBY,

*D. D. G. M., District No. 2.*

# ADDITIONAL REPORT ON DISTRICT No. 2, BY W BRO. AUGUSTUS ROBINSON.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, D.C.L., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

Having been honored by you with a commission to inspect Keith Lodge, No 16, and King Solomon, No. 54, in consequence of the inability of the R. W. D. D. G. Master to perform that duty, I beg leave to report that I visited the first-named Lodge on the night of its regular meeting in March, in company with several of the Officers and Brethren of Annapolis Royal Lodge. It affords me great satisfaction to report that the condition of this fine Lodge fully maintains its usual high standard of excellence. As will be seen by the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, the financial state of the Lodge is good, but there is a large amount of uncollected dues on the books, which I strongly recommended should be cleared off in some way as soon as possible. The large sum expended for charitable purposes last year reflects the highest credit on the brethren.

On the evening of April 1st, I visited King Solomon Lodge, Digby, and inspected the books, which were well kept. At the request of the Worshipful Master, I afterwards installed the officers for the coming year. There are some most excellent masons connected with King Solomon, but, I am sorry to say, not enough to enable the Lodge to open on all their regular nights: no less than five regular communications having been missed during the past year. I earnestly recommended more zeal and care in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, *P. M.*

Annapolis Royal, May 29th, 1884.

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## THIRD DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, D.C.L., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:—*

I have the honor to submit my second Annual Report of District No. 3.

I have visited all the Lodges in the district, with the exception of Keith, No. 16, Hillsburg, and King Solomon, No. 54, Digby. Having notified you that pressure of business would prevent my visiting those Lodges, you very kindly appointed an assistant to perform that duty, who no doubt will furnish you with a full report of their doings the past year.

Having in my last year's report gone fully into the condition of most all the Lodges under my supervision, I shall confine my remarks principally to those Lodges that I had not the pleasure of meeting with personally, viz.: Rothsay, No. 41, Bridgetown, and Granville, No. 71, New Caledonia, and also those Lodges that require special mention.

In due course I visited Annapolis Royal, No. 33; Kentville, No. 58; St. George's, No. 20; Welsford, No. 26, and Harmony, No. 52. I do not consider it necessary to make any remarks as to the prosperity of these Lodges, for in doing so I would only have to reiterate the sentiments I expressed in my report last year. However, I may add that Kentville and Harmony have been particularly prosperous, each having conferred several degrees, and gone to work with renewed energy. I cannot pass without referring to the loss Kentville has sustained by the death of our late lamented Brother. P. S. G. W. Shaw, whose memory I shall ever cherish.

I made my first official visit to Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, Bridgetown, Dec. 6th, 1883. The attendance was good, although no work had been done the past year, and on one occasion on account of storm there was no meeting ; yet the Brethren seem alive to their duty. The Lodge stands well financially. Their room is newly and neatly furnished, the books well kept, which promises well for their future.

Dec. 11th I visited Granville Lodge, No. 71, New Caledonia, accompanied by Past Master Robinson and Brother Augustus Fullerton of Annapolis Royal Lodge. The attendance was small. No meetings had been held in January, February, June and July, 1883. The Secretary read the Minutes of Sept. 11th in reference to Bro. Wm. C. Bogart having taken his first and second degrees in this Lodge, and subsequently taken all three degrees in Scotland, and who on his return applied for his third degree in Granville Lodge. They declined giving the degree until the matter had been submitted to the M. W. Grand Master. This having been done, I asked them to gather all the information possible as to his receiving his degrees in Scotland and forward them to you, which I trust has been done. I noticed that he had entered his name in the Visitors' Book, and placed in the column for remarks, that he had applied for his third degree for which he had paid, and was refused. I advised that these remarks be erased, as I considered it a piece of impertinence on his part, and an insult to the Lodge, from the fact that he had no right to record his name in the Visitors' Book, let alone dictate, until he had become a recognized Master Mason. The dues are pretty well paid up, and I trust the brothers will become more energetic, and that Granville Lodge will yet flourish.

Dec. 10th I granted a dispensation to Annapolis Royal Lodge to wear regalia at their annual celebration on St. John's day.

December 19th I granted a like dispensation to Welsford Lodge, No. 26.

December 24th I granted a dispensation to Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, to wear regalia at a Masonic dinner on St. John's day.

December 26th I granted a like dispensation to Harmony, No. 52.

February 4th, 1884, I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 73, Lawrencetown. I was very glad to meet R. W. Bro. Starratt, S. G. Warden, and the secretary of Rothsay Lodge. I regret to find that Ionic is not in as flourishing a condition as we would wish: no meetings in July, August and December, 1883, or in January, 1884. This lodge being only seven miles from Rothsay, they have a small field for membership, and many brothers living in the immediate vicinity still belong to Rothsay. They have been for some time discussing the propriety of removing to Middleton ; since my last visit I am happy to learn they have decided to do so by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, and have petitioned Grand Lodge to that effect. I believe it would be to the advantage of Ionic, and would urgently recommend that the prayer of their petition be granted.

Scotia, No. 28, Canning, was visited by me February 6th. I regret to report there has not been much improvement in Scotia since my first visitation: no work done the past year. The attendance was very small,—in fact the lodge could not have been opened had it not been for the assistance of some of the brethren from Kentville Lodge. I urged the necessity of greater interest on the part of the members, and can only look forward with hope as to its future.

May 1st I made my last official visit to Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, Hantsport. I regret that Poyntz has not prospered as I had anticipated after my visitation last year. It could hardly be expected otherwise, when I found that the W. Master had only been present at three communications during the year, and the secretary had only attended five. As the W. Master lives almost within sight of the lodge room, I was led to inquire into the cause of his absence, and was informed that they knew of no cause, and that he alone was responsible. It is to be regretted that any brother should accept the very responsible position of W. M. unless he intended to perform the duties expected of him: better to decline the nomination than sacrifice the interests and welfare of the lodge. I found recorded no meeting

in June, July, August or September. However, I am glad to notice regular meetings since, and several emergent meetings. A good deal of work has been done, and several degrees have been conferred by Past Master Margeson. I called attention to some irregularities in the minutes, which I trust will be attended to, and with the newly-installed officers, I feel assured my successor will be able to submit a favorable report of Poyntz Lodge in the coming year.

I am pleased to notice that on the memo. of work for the consideration of Grand Lodge at their next annual communication, a notice of motion by R. W. Bro. Ross, J. G. W., to re-organize the districts in Nova Scotia; this I trust will receive the unanimous support of Grand Lodge, believing it to be for the best interests of the craft; for it is almost impossible for any District Deputy to visit all the Lodges in this jurisdiction and discharge the duties that devolve upon him, without great inconvenience to himself, both financially and otherwise.

In closing this report I must again thank the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction for the uniform kindness shewn me on all my visitations; and beg to express my good wishes for their continued prosperity.

In conclusion, most Worshipful Sir, I beg to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me for a second time and trust I have discharged the duties satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted.

T. R. HARRIS,

*D. D. G. Master, District No. 3.*

Aylesford, May 15th, 1884.

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## FOURTH DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. W. Laurie, D.C.L., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

The following official services in District No. 4, I have the honor to report.

August 16, 1883, in company with the Most W. G. Master and R. W. Deputy G. Master, I officially visited Hiram Lodge, No. 53, Goldenville. The membership of this Lodge has largely fallen off lately, owing to the removal of members from the locality. The Lodge, however, is financially sound and otherwise in a fairly healthy condition. They needed a little encouragement and cheering up, which we bestowed liberally, and I believe we did some little good by our visit. The Lodge room is comfortable and free from debt.

August 17, I visited Queen's, No. 34, Sherbrooke. The Secretary's books are models; this official has arrived at a standard of excellence in his art, rarely attained. The Lodge room is commodious, comfortable, and free from debt. The financial condition is sound, and in every way the Lodge is in a healthy and vigorous condition.

Eldorado, No. 32, Wine Harbor, was not visited. We met the W. Master and several members of the Lodge at Goldenville and Sherbrooke, who informed us that the Lodge could not be got together owing to circumstances which they explained. The Secretary's book was brought to us for inspection, which the Most Worshipful Grand Master and myself carefully examined, and made comments and recommendations, &c., for the benefit of the Lodge. November 14, 1882, Eldorado Lodge lost by fire, Lodge room, Charter, Books and most part of their other furniture, since which time the Lodge has met in the most convenient place available. We sympathise with our brothers of Eldorado Lodge and hope that soon they may be able to resume their regular Communications under more favorable circumstances.

While at Goldenville and Sherbrooke the members of the Craft showed us much kindness, entertained us hospitably, (if they were under the impression that they *might* be entertaining *angels unawares*, I hope they were not disappointed),

making our visit pleasant, enjoyable, and I hope to us and all profitable. For a full report of the above visitations, see report of the R. W. Grand Orator of our party.

October 23rd I visited Western Star Lodge, No. 50, Westville. The Lodge is in good working condition and financially healthy. Among the Black Diamonds, we hope to see this Star continue to shine with ever increasing brilliancy.

January 16, 1884, I visited Hudson Lodge, No. 77, Vale Colliery. The membership is small, yet in every other way the Lodge is vigorous and healthy. Only one member in arrears for dues ! ! !

January 21st I visited Curren Lodge, No. 68. The membership is small, but financially the Lodge is in good condition. The Lodge owns a fine hall on which there is but a small debt.

April 8, accompanied by R. W. Brother B. Curren, Grand Secretary, I visited New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, Pictou. By request Brother Curren installed the officers elect for 1884–5. This Lodge is in a most prosperous condition. The Secretary is a master workman in his department.

April 9th I visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton. This Lodge is also prosperous and seems to be doing a good work. Its financial condition is good.

May 6, 1884, I visited Albion Lodge No. 5, New Glasgow. I found the Secretary's books well and correctly kept ; financial state of the Lodge very good. The Lodge is in a healthy, vigorous condition. This Lodge, next to New Caledonia, has the largest membership in this district. New Caledonia and Albion have a membership of over one hundred each, and both have considerable amounts of capital invested.

Two of the most prominent *clogs* to the interest and the advancement of Masonry in this district are : 1st, the large number of non-affiliates found within the jurisdiction of every Lodge, which non-affiliates enjoy many of the privileges of the craft. They visit Lodges when *there is anything special going on.* Whenever there is a Masonic procession they don their aprons, &c., and are ready "to be seen of men." Worse than drones are they, and should ever be excluded from the busy hives of craftsmen.

2nd. The large number in almost every Lodge in arrears for dues: in some Lodges as much as from $200.00 to $300.00 are thus owing the Lodge. Notwithstanding the by-laws in all or nearly all Lodges, limit the time when a member shall retain his membership unless his dues are paid. What is the remedy?

It was my intention to visit the Lodges in Colchester during the month of May, when I had a professional friend to look after my business; but from severe sickness in my own family I have not yet been able to overtake that part of my work.

June 3, 1884, I visited Truro Lodge, No. 43. On examining the books of this Lodge I found them very neatly and correctly kept ; financially and otherwise the Lodge is in a healthy and vigorous condition.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. F. MACDONALD,

June 4th, 1884. *D. D. G. Master, District No. 4.*

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## SPECIAL REPORT BY R. W. BRO. J. F. MACDONALD, D. D. G. M.

August 14, 1883. I accompanied the Most Worshipful G. Master and R. W. Deputy G. M., on an official visitation of some of the Lodges in the eastern portion of this jurisdiction. On the evening of this day we reached Arichat, C. B., and visited Richmond Logde, No. 64. The members of this Lodge we found true and

trusty, and well worthy the name and profession of Masons, by whom we were received in the most cordial manner.

On the 15th we returned to the Straits, crossed to the other side and endeavoured to find a Lodge, but failed: the Master had broken and lost his cable (toe) and was so busily engaged "plunging beneath the briny deep." in search of that which was lost, that he could not find time to meet us.

August 15, 1883. On the afternoon of this day we succeeded in *finding* Temple Lodge, No. 57. Four members of the Lodge met us in their Lodge room: two brothers from Solomon, No. 46, were present also. The Lodge had received due notice of our visit, yet but *four members responded*—put in an appearance—some of these even, we had to entreat to meet us. Masonry here, from what I could learn, is at a *low ebb;* an element, other than that of harmony, has gotten into the Lodge, working disintegration; and I fear that unless some new elements of life and vigor are very shortly infused into this Lodge, it must cease to exist. I examined the books of the Lodge and inquired into the financial condition, &c., and have to report the Lodge in not a healthy or prosperous condition.

In the evening, having reached Guysborough, we officially visited Eastern Light Lodge, No. 72. We found this Lodge in a good, healthy condition. The Secretary's books are models of neatness and correctness; the brethren are enthusiastic and sanguine—live masons. They own a fine building which they very soon expect to free from debt. These two Lodges, Temple and Eastern Light, I officially visited, at the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in order to relieve the D. D. G. M. of District No. 5.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. MACDONALD,
*D. D. G. M., District No. 4.*

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## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*To Major-General J. Wimburn Laurie, D. C. L., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

I have the honor of submitting the following report of official work done in District No. 5:

I summoned a meeting of Solomon Lodge, No. 46, for June 8th, but on account of so many of the members being away from home, there was no quorum. I examined into the state of this Lodge, but as you visited it yourself during the year, I think it unnecessary to make any report.

On November 7th, a. m., I visited St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35. The attendance was very fair, considering the visitation was made in the morning.

This lodge does not appear to be in a very thriving condition, and evidently wants an infusion of new blood. With the growing importance of the town, I trust masonry may receive an impulse.

On November 7th, at 8 p. m., I visited Sircom Lodge, No. 66. The attendance was very large, and my visit was a most agreeable one. The finances of this lodge are in a very healthful condition, and the books are carefully kept. The lodge room is the property of the lodge, and is very nicely furnished. I have no doubt but a bright future is in store for this lodge.

On January 7th I visited Morien Lodge, No. 55. It is a labor of love to visit this lodge. The financial status is most satisfactory. The books are carefully kept, and the officers are well up in the duties of their respective offices.

On January 21st I visited Royal Albert, No. 19. I found the Secretary's books carefully kept, and the general financial condition good, except in the large amount of arrears due. I urged upon the brethren present the advisability of attending to this matter at once. During the past year very little work has been done in the lodge, but I hope for better things in the future.

On February 12th I visited Tyrian Youth, No. 45. There was quite a large attendance of brethren. I examined into the state of the secretary's books, and found them correct. I had the pleasure of seeing the second degree conferred in a most creditable manner.

The members are taking active steps towards getting their Lodge room out of debt, and they are deserving of every credit for the energy displayed.

On March 20th I visited St. Andrew's, No. 7. I regret that the Secretary's books do not this year indicate the same care that has characterized them in the past. I have no doubt that they will be all right for the ensuing year. The financial condition of the Lodge is most satisfactory. There is a considerable amount of arrears due, but they are collecting in with commendable zeal.

The general attendance at the meetings is large and a large amount of work is done. On the 21st I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

I regret very much my inability to visit Thistle Lodge. Their regular night of meeting is Saturday, and it is not easy to meet them without having to return some twenty miles on Sabbath. If possible at all, I will try and visit them before the meeting of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I beg respectfully to decline acting any longer as D. D. G. M. of No. 5. My professional duties are of that nature that I cannot get away at times after making appointments; and I would avail myself of this opportunity of thanking all my Masonic Brethren in No. 5 District, for their very great kindness to me while visiting their respective Lodges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. MACGILLVARY,
*D. D. G. M., Dist. No. 5.*

April 30, 1884.

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*To Major-General J. W. Laurie, D. C. L., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

In addition to my former report I beg to add that I had the pleasure of visiting Thistle Lodge, No. 36, Cow Bay, on Thursday the 15th of May, inst.

I found the affairs of the Lodge in a most satisfactory condition. The Secretary's books were strictly and carefully kept, and financially the Lodge is in a most satisfactory condition. They have a large cash balance on hand, and their arrears are scarcely worth mentioning, they are so very small; and in this respect they certainly are an honorable exception to most Lodges in the jurisdiction.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. D. MACGILLVARY,
*D. D. G. M., No. 5.*

May 17, 1884.

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## REPORTS REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of W. Bro. C. R. Smith, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ross, it was

*Resolved*, That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to a Special Committee consisting of the following brethren, viz: T. A. Cossmann, R. L. Black and S. Porter.

## THE CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

Notices of motion to amend Chapters 4 and 14 of the Constitution having been given at the Annual Communication of 1883, (see Proceedings 1883, page 49) after due consideration said motions were adopted and the sections referred to now read :

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## CHAPTER 4—OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Section 1.—The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into nine districts, numbered as follows:

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.
No. 2. To include the Counties of Hants and Kings.
No. 3. To include the Counties of Annapolis and Digby.
No. 4. To include the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne.
No. 5. To include the Counties of Queen's and Lunenburg.
No. 6. To include the Counties of Cumberland and Colchester.
No. 7. To include the Counties of Pictou and Antigonish.
No. 8. To include the Counties of Guysboro' and Richmond.
No. 9. To include the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Inverness.

Section 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office; and shall submit such report at least two weeks previous to the Annual Communication.

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## CHAPTER 14.

Section 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended; but any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to the Lodge by a two-thirds vote, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of suspension, notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES—PAST RANK.

The following addition to Chapter 4 having been proposed by M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, three months previous to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the privilege granted by section 12 of Chapter 2; and said addition having been submitted to the Subordinate Lodges for their consideration, was, on motion, unanimously adopted:—

SECTION 11.—"District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for two years to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive, by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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## EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *June 4th, 1884.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, Presiding.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

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## REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

COMMITTEE ROOM, FREEMASONS' HALL
*Halifax, 6th June, 1883.*

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:*

Your Committee feel sure that the Grand Lodge will fully approve of the official acts performed during the year by the M. W. Grand Master, and desire to express their admiration of the industry evinced by his official visits.

Your Committee feel the necessity of guarding the portals of every Lodge most carefully, not only against cowans and eaves droppers, but also against unworthy or excluded members of our Craft; but hesitate to throw a doubt upon the word of any brother in good standing, who is ready to vouch for an intended visitor; at the same time they feel that such voucher should include the probable date of such meeting in a duly constituted Lodge.

The action of the fellow-craft connected with Granville Lodge, in desiring a third degree from that Lodge after receiving three degrees in Scotland, and two previously at Granville, is to your Committee perfectly incomprehensible; and they think the action of the M. W. Grand Master in the matter entirely correct.

With regard to the curt civility and scant courtesy spoken of in connection with the Lodge officers at Barrington, Port Mulgrave and Hawkesbury, your Committee are of opinion that such behaviour is deserving of marked notice by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee fail to see how a brother dimitted from Scotia Lodge in 1866 could have incurred any debt to that lodge after such dimit had been given, and think that a claim for non-payment of dues between 1866 and 1871 could not be legally sustained, nor could he therefore be suspended for non-payment; and that he is entitled to apply for affiliation.

Your Committee feel that the Grand Lodge cannot be otherwise than gratified at the cordial reception given to our M. W. Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and at the centenary of King Solomon Lodge at Charlestown.

They rejoice at the continued fraternal relations existing between Royal Standard Lodge and the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and trust that such will continue as long as Royal Standard Lodge exists.

If the M. W. Grand Master could make it convenient to attend and take part in the centennial celebration at St. John, N. B., your committee think it would be a fitting attention to lodges once under the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

Most sincerely do your Committee endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master to mark by memorial pages the sense of loss and fraternal sympathy drawn out by the departure hence of our loved and lamented brethren deceased during the past year, including, of course, our late representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and the G. L. will approve we are sure, of the appointment of his son as his successor. The loyalty of every member of Grand Lodge as well as his masonic affections will lead him to concur in the tribute proposed to be paid to the memory of H. R. H. the late Duke of Albany, the lamented son of our Queen, and brother of the M. W. Grand Master of England.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania for the most interesting Phototype copy of the ancient Ledger of St. John's Lodge for 1731. But it would be, indeed, a matter of just pride if, as the Grand Master hints, we may soon possess a document of even greater antiquity.

Your Committee cannot close their Report without complimenting the M. W. G. M. on the distinguished ability displayed in his address, and most notably in the concluding part with regard to the delicate subject of the Papal Encyclical.

The care displayed and labour bestowed by the D. D. Grand Masters without fee or reward cannot be too highly praised.

Your committee desire to express their entire concurrence in the opinion of Bro. Ruhland, that it is high time that so ancient a Lodge as Unity, Lunenburg, should have a Lodge room and building of its own.

Your Committee cannot do otherwise than concur in the G. Master's feeling, that it is hard to understand how brethren can accept the leading offices of a Lodge unless they intend to perform the duties of such offices.

Brother McGillivray's perfect visitation of all the Lodges in his district, deserves special commendation.

Your committee agree in thinking that D. D. Grand Masters, on retiring, should receive some mark of recognition for services faithfully and gratuitously performed.

Your committee incline to the opinion that it is advisable to increase the number of districts in this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. MOORE.
F. PARTRIDGE.
E. E. TUPPER.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals submitted the following Report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Crowe, was received and adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to submit the following report:

No. 1. The case of Brother A. M. Perrin of Scotia Lodge, No. 31, Yarmouth, against his suspension from said Lodge for the non-payment of dues.

Your Committee have very carefully considered this case, and have read with great care the petition of Brother Perrin, with the reply of the Lodge and the copies of minutes of said Lodge referring to this matter, and other papers submitted to us.

Brother Perrin asserts that no notice was served on him *at all* in relation to his non-payment of dues. But it appears that on the 12th Dec., 1882, the following entry was made in the books of that Lodge by the Secretary:

"The Secretary reported that he had specially summoned Brother Perrin to pay his dues," and this is the only notice appearing in the books.

Your Committee are clearly of opinion that even admitting that the above notice *was* served on Bro. Perrin, it is not sufficient, nor in accordance with the notice required by section 23 of ch. 14 of the Constitution, which requires the notice to be given one month and that the notice shall contain the charge preferred or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration; now this notice does not contain any of the above requirements, and we therefore are of opinion that the suspension of Bro. Perrin was illegal and void, and that Bro. Perrin is liable and bound to pay his dues up to the date of his suspension.

Your Committee do not desire to pass upon other questions raised in the correspondence, but they regret exceedingly that so much feeling should have been exhibited by Bro. Perrin for a matter so trifling as that of which he complains.

No. 2. Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue, on payment of the requisite fee of ($1.00) each, duplicate diplomas to the following Brethren: James Ryan of Prince Wales Lodge, Milton; James McDonald, New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou; Daniel Munro of the same Lodge; and Henry Dixon of Eureka Lodge, satisfactory evidence having been given that the originals were destroyed by fire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM F. MACCOY,
*Chairman.*
WILLIAM CROWE,
L. F. DARLING.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Report from the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and read:

*To Major-General J. W. Laurie, D. C. L., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:—*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have to report that the usual number of Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges have been received and are in course of review, so as to be ready for the printer, if the Grand Lodge shall decide to publish them as usual.

DAVID C. MOORE,
*Chairman.*

May 31, 1884.

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## MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, from the Committee to arrange Masonic Documents, presented the following Report:

*To Major-General J. W. Laurie, D. C. L., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:—*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—It will be remembered that our late lamented Grand Master, A. H. Crowe, spent much time and trouble in collecting a vast number of documents connected with the history and working of our Craft in Nova Scotia, and those other colonies which have from time to time been under the jurisdiction of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under English authority.

In M. W. Brother Crowe's report, dated June 5th, 1878 (when placing these documents in the office of the Grand Secretary), he says: "The labor of compiling and numbering these various documents being too great, the Committee have only been able to carefully fold and place them in such order that easy reference can be made thereto." In 1879 this Grand Lodge appointed, as a Committee to arrange the numerous documents collected by R. W. Bro. Crowe:—R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, and R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Wainwright.

In April, 1880, a box containing 3 cubic feet of closely-packed papers was sent by the Grand Secretary to the residence of Bro. Moore, who gradually, by devoting one evening a week, made himself somewhat acquainted with the nature of the work to be done, and the committee were able to report that the documents ranged from 1784 to 23rd June, 1869,—that is, from the first authority to open lodges down to the day of the union of 1869.

Owing to adverse circumstances—notably the explosion at Albion mines, which deprived the chairman of much of his leisure—nothing worth speaking of was done during the next year. R. W. Bro. Wainwright having left the Province, W. Bro. John Green—a member of the same lodge as the chairman—was appointed to fill his place on the committee.

At the Annual Grand Communication, 1882, the committee reported their work half done, and were continued.

From October, 1882, to July, 1883, the chairman was in Europe; but on his return, Bro. Green and he set to work harder than ever, and now have the pleasure of reporting that their work is done. (R. W. Bro. Johnstone, the third member of the committee, is on his voyage to England.)

Your committee have great satisfaction in presenting the lists, in which will be found the nature and date of each document; and if the delay has been greater than could have been wished, your committee could only have completed their work by means of such delay; and they trust that the result of their labors may be satisfactory to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and useful to the fraternity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID C. MOORE,
*Chairman.*

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NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN.—To W. Bro. John R. Green fell the lion's share of the work, for not only did he attend every meeting since his appointment on the Committee, but all the MSS. were prepared by him; and but for him the work must have been still further delayed. D. C. M.

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Referring to the Report just read, it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, and unanimously

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and the same are hereby tendered to the Committee for the great labor bestowed by them on the work of arranging and cataloguing the numerous documents handed over to them.

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## CATALOGUES TO BE PRINTED.

The following resolution was then moved by W. Bro. A. Stephen:

*Resolved*, That the Catalogues just presented to Grand Lodge by the Committee on Arrangement of Masonic Documents be printed in full.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald:

"That the printing of the Catalogues be deferred for another year, inasmuch as other documents of great value are anticipated, when all can be printed at the same time."

This amendment on being seconded by W. Bro. W. Crowe and put to vote, was declared lost.

Bro. Stephens' resolution to print the Catalogues was then put to vote and passed.

## PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish six hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year: to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge; and to include under each Lodge heading, in addition to its Officers and Past Masters, the names of all other subscribing members.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. R. Graham, it was

*Resolved*, That the work of printing the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be given to a printer—a subscribing member of the Craft—and that tenders for the work be received only from said members.

The following brethren were then appointed a committee in connection with the above resolution:

M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, R. W. Bro. J. Gossip, and the R. W. Grand Secretary.

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## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, W. Bro. J. W. Longley, and R. W. Bro. T. B. Crosby, were appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected:

M. W. Major-General J. W. Laurie, D. C. L. . . . . Grand Master.
R. W. W. E. Starratt . . . . . Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. R. Green . . . . . Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. R. L. Black . . . . . Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. Dempster . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren, D. C. L. . . . . Grand Secretary.
R. W. L. F. Darling . . . . . Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. G. Townshend, M. A. . . . . Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. R. Avery, M. A. . . . . do.
R. W. Rev. G. B. Dodwell, M. A. . . . . do.

R. W. Rev. H. D. deBlois, M. A.....Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. F. Partridge, D. D..... do.
R. W. Rev. J. D. H. Browne..... do.
R. W. Rev. J. A. Logan..... do.
R. W. Rev. T. B. Layton ..... do.
V. W. C. F. Cochran.....Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. J. W. Heckman .....Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. J. J. McKeil .....G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. T. Mowbray.....G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. B. H. Landis.....G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. S. Porter.....Grand Organist.
V. W. J. Quiglay.....Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. C. G. Godfrey .....Grand Steward.
V. W. N. G. Charlton..... do.
V. W. A. Etter ..... do.
V. W. T. Publicover..... do.
V. W. P. E. McKerrow..... do.
V. W. J. Martin.....Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 5th, 1884.*

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Major-Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report, which was read, and, on motion of W. Bro. J. W. Longley, received and adopted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The Committee on Finance and Audit respectfully report that they have examned the accounts and vouchers, &c., of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the past year and find them all correct.

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| The balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands at 2nd June, 1883 | | | $ 724 34 |
| Receipts from ordinary resources of Grand Lodge (see report of G. S.) | | | 2897 64 |
| Benevolent fund by Sircom Lodge | | | 3 75 |
| | | | $3625 73 |
| Payments on ordinary accts., viz: | | | |
| Discount on Foreign Notes | $ 1 70 | | |
| Telegrams | 2 85 | | |
| Advertising | 19 50 | | |
| Tyling | 30 00 | | |
| Postage | 36 00 | | |
| Diplomas | 138 95 | | |
| Printing | 248 50 | | |
| Representatives' Expenses | 354 04 | | |
| Grand Secretary | 500 00 | | |
| | | $1331 54 | |
| Payments on Freemasons' Hall acct. | | | |
| James Martin | 52 50 | | |
| Ritchie, Law Expenses | 75 80 | | |
| Water Rates, 2 years | 114 50 | | |
| Repairs on building | 144 90 | | |
| Furniture (Royal Arch room) | 150 00 | | |
| Janitor, salary | 156 00 | | |
| Fuel | 179 12 | | |
| Insurance | 180 00 | | |
| Gas | 191 00 | | |
| Coupons on Debentures | 498 00 | | |
| Taxes, 2 years | 537 07 | | |
| Interest, 1 year on Mortgage | 1320 00 | | |
| | $3598 89 | | |
| Less Rents rec'd, (see G. Secretary's report) | 1799 50 | | |
| | | $1799 39 | |
| | | | $ 3130 93 |
| Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands | | | 494 80 |

PRESENT CURRENT ASSETS.

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| Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands | | | $ 494 80 |
| Unpaid dues to date, viz. | | | |
| No. 2. St. John's | $ 44 00 | | |
| 6. Royal Sussex | 39 75 | | |
| 8. Acacia | 63 00 | | |
| 9. Zetland | 40 50 | | |
| 14. Acadia | 61 75 | | |
| 15. Athol | 43 75 | | |
| 29. Prince of Wales | 40 50 | | |
| 30. Albert | 178 25 | | |
| 31. Scotia | 57 25 | | |
| 32. Eldorado | 29 75 | | |
| 45. Tyrian Youth | 40 75 | | |
| 48. Widow's Son | 21 25 | | |
| 61. Clarke | 50 25 | | |
| 62. Taylor | 81 25 | | 792 00 |
| Unpaid Rents to date, viz: | | | |
| No. 1. St Andrew's | 62 50 | | |
| 6. Royal Sussex | 125 00 | | |
| 14. Acadia | 67 50 | | |
| 15. Athole | 62 50 | | |
| 18. Union | 188 50 | | |
| 38. Lodge St. Mark | 64 50 | | |
| St Andrew's Chapter | 62 50 | | 633 00 |
| | | | $1919 80 |
| Less Amounts unsettled. | | | |
| Coupons say | 187 20 | | |
| Taxes one year, say | 240 00 | | |
| Representatives, estimated | 750 00 | | |
| Small accounts | 65 00 | | 1242 20 |
| | | | $ 677 60 |

Your committee have not allowed for losses in the amounts above given as due Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. TAYLOR.
J. H. BALCOM.
A. D. MACGILLVARY.
*Committee.*

Halifax, June 5th, 1884.

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## ACCOUNTS TO BE CLOSED MAY 20TH.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. W. Crowe, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Gossip, and unanimously

*Resolved*, That for the future the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be closed on the 20th May, so that a statement may be printed for the information of Grand Lodge.

## TRUSTEES ELECTED.

On motion, the following brethren were elected Trustees of Freemasons' Hall for the ensuing year, in addition to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, appointed by Section 26, Chapter 2 of the Constitution :

W. ROSS,
W. TAYLOR,
A. STEPHEN,
W. WILLIAMS,
J. W. LONGLEY,
J. W. RUHLAND,
W. CROWE,
W. A. HESSON,
P. E. McKERROW,

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## PHILADELPHIA LODGE, U. D., BARRINGTON.

R. W. Bro. B. Curren offered the following resolution which was seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Dispensation to enter, pass and raise Masons, issued by the M. W. Grand Master to John N. Banks, Edwin S. Goudy, and John Lyons, on the 10th March last, be continued until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

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## SINKING FUND.

On motion the consideration of the establishment of a sinking fund (see Report of Committee on Finance and Audit, proceedings 1883, page 34,) for the payment of the debt on Freemasons' Hall was deferred for the present.

## ST. GEORGE'S.—PETITION TO WEAR CENTENARY JEWEL.

Wolfville, N. S., May 31, 1884.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia.*

*Whereas*, St. George's Lodge, No. 20. R. N. S. will be one hundred years old on or about the 14th day of November next, at which time the members propose celebrating its one hundreth anniversary.

*And Whereas*, at its last regular communication it was unanimously resolved that application be made to your Worshipful Body for permission to wear a centennial jewel.

*We therefore*, most respectfully ask your Worshipful Body, on behalf of St. George's Lodge to allow us to procure and wear a Jewel in accordance with such resolution.

Yours Fraternally,

J. B. DAVISON,
*Secretary.*

On motion of W. Bro. J. W. Longley, the petition from St. George's, just read was referred to the M. W. Grand Master and the committee on Charters.

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## IONIC.—PETITION TO REMOVE FROM LAWRENCETOWN TO MIDDLETON.

*To Major-General J. W. Laurie, M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:*

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:

That the membership of Ionic Lodge, No. 73, R. N. S., is partially made up from Middleton and vicinity; consequently it is with considerable inconvenience that the interest of our Lodge is sustained.

Middleton is also the terminus of the Nictaux and Atlantic Central Railway, shortly to be opened for traffic, making it a better centre for meeting.

We believe that it is for the interest of Masonry, and more especially of our Lodge, to remove it from Lawrencetown to Middleton; and with that object in view, due notice having been given to all our members to meet, at our last regular communication, a larger attendance than usual was present, and the following resolution was passed unanimously on motion of Bro. N. G. Charlton, seconded by Bro. A. P. Dodge:

"*Whereas*, It is believed that the interest of Ionic Lodge, No. 73, R. N. S., in particular, and the interest of the order in general will be better subserved by the removal of the Lodge to Middleton;

"*Therefore Resolved*, That the initiatory steps necessary to procure such removal according to the constitution of the Grand Lodge be immediately taken, and that a special committee be appointed to carry it into effect."

We therefore pray that you will grant a dispensation to remove Ionic Lodge to Middleton.

(Signed) N. G. CHARLTON, W. M.
T. R. ILSLEY, *Secty.*

Lawrencetown, April 29, 1884.

## PRAYER OF THE PETITION GRANTED.

W. Bro. N. G. Charlton offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. J. W. Longley and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition for the removal of Ionic Lodge to Middleton be granted; and that the W. Master of said Lodge be hereby authorized to carry the same at once into execution if necessary.

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## TEMPLE LODGE.

A letter was read from a member of Temple Lodge, No. 57, Port Mulgrave, complaining that he had been unjustly suspended from said Lodge for non-payment of dues, when at the same time the Lodge was largely in his debt; that his name had been forwarded in the annual returns to the Grand Secretary for publication in the printed proceedings; and requesting that his name be withheld from publication until a proper investigation of the case shall have been held; whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. J. W. Longley, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, and,

*Resolved*, That the letter of W. Bro.————of Temple Lodge be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to withhold the name from the published list of suspended members.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

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## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 5th, 1884.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, M. W. Bro. Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented the Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Notices of motion to amend the constitution, at the next Annual Communication were given as follows:

By W. Bro. J. A. Smith.

"That he will at the next Annual Communication ask to have that part of the Constitution, Chapter 14, latter clause of Section 14 so altered, that any Masonic Lodge in the City of Halifax, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present hold its regular and emergent meetings in rooms other than those now occupied by the different Lodges in the City of Halifax."

By R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore,

That the Report of the Committee on Masonic clothing, presented in 1879 be brought up for adoption at the Annual Communication in 1885.

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Brother William Taylor, with the assistance of R. W. Bros. C. J. MacDonald, and Rev. D. C. Moore, installed the following Grand Officers elect, Bros. W. Crowe, and C. F. Cochran acting as Deacons; after which due proclamation thereof was made by M. W. Bro. William Taylor, the installing officer, in the East; R. W. Bro. E. E. Tupper in the West; and R. W. Bro. William A. Hesson in the South;

M. W. Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie ..... Grand Master.
R. W. W. E. Starratt ..... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. R. Green ..... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. R. L. Black ..... Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. Dempster ..... Grand Treasurer.
R. W. B. Curren ..... Grand Secretary.
R. W. L. F. Darling ..... Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. T. B. Layton ..... Grand Chaplain.
V. W. C. F. Cochran ..... Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. J. W. Heckman ..... Junior Grand Deacon.

V. W. J. J. McKiel.....Grand Sup. of Works.
V. W. T. Mowbray.....G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. B. H. Landis.....Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. S. Porter.....Grand Organist.
V. W. J. Quiglay.....Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. C. G. Godfrey.....Grand Steward.
V. W. N. G. Charlton..... do.
V. W. A. Etter..... do.
V. W. T. Publicover..... do.
V. W. P. E. McKerrow..... do.
V. W. James Martin.....Grand Tyler.

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## VOTES OF THANKS.

Were tendered as follows:

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald,—

To the Masonic Choir who, under the very able leadership of R. W. Bro. S. Porter, rendered such efficient aid during the installation ceremonies.

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland,

To Burns and Royal Sussex Lodges for the use of the Blue Room the last two evenings.

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## ACCOUNT TO BE PAID.

The following account was submitted to Grand Lodge and ordered to be paid.

From James Gray, Funeral Undertaker, for expenses in connection with the funeral of the late V. W. Bro. John Miles Taylor, in December last.....$44 00

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## IN MEMORIAM.

R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a memorial page in the printed proceeedings of Grand Lodge be set apart to the memory of our lamented Brother, the late Charles E. Davison, Past Master of the Lodge of St. Mark of this city, who died the day previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge, and after the obituary notice in the Grand Master's address had been prepared.

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## TELEGRAM FROM M. W. BRO. R. T. CLINCH.

The Grand Master here read a telegram just received from M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, expressing unfeigned regret at not being able to be present at the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia this evening.

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## APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials.*

C. J. Macdonald, C. J. Spike, T. A. Cossmann.

*On Constitution and Regulations.*

J. W. Longley, A. E. Curren, L. F. Darling.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

W. F. McCoy, W. Crowe, J. Patterson.

*On Finance and Audit.*

W. Taylor, J. H. Balcam, J. A. Smith.

*On Foreign Correspondence.*

Rev. D. C. Moore, T. B. Flint, LL. B., Rev. F. Partridge, D. D.

*On Charters.*

W. Holloway, J. H. Dow, T. G. D. Scotland.

*On Library and Reading Room.*

B. Curren, J. Gossip, J. A. Adams.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

First District, R. W. J. W. Ruhland, Halifax.
Second District, R. W. J. B. Black, M. D., Windsor.
Third District, R. W. Augustus Robinson, M. D., Annapolis
Fourth District, R. W. T. B. Crosby, Yarmouth.
Fifth District, R. W. H. S. Jost, Lunenburg.
Sixth District, R. W. L. B. Archibald, Truro.
Seventh District, R. W. H. Sutherland, New Glasgow.
Eighth District, R. W. W. D. R. Cameron, Sherbrooke.
Ninth District, R. W. A. D. McGillvary, M. D., Sydney, C.B.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. T. B. Layton, Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A.D. 1885, at 12 o'clock noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

*Grand Secretary.*

# RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the Year ending May 20th, A.D. 1884—A. L. 5884.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER

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## ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

W. CROWE.....*W. M.*
F. W. JUBIEN.....*S. W.*
A. HART.....*J. W.*
T. TRENAMAN.....*T.*
W. R. COGSWELL.....*Sec'y.*
F. B. SANFORD.....*S. D.*
J. H. JOST.....*J. D.*
R. THEAKSTON.....*I. G.*
A. G. CUNNINGHAM.....*S. S.*
E. T. MAHON.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Woodill, P. G. W.
J. W. Scott.
T. S. Lownds.
R. C. Hamilton.
A. H. Woodill, P. D. G. M.
J. Dempster, G. T.
T. Trenaman.
J. H. Jost.
Rev. J. D. H. Browne, G. C.
S. Porter, P. G. W., G. O.
S. M. Brookfield.

MASTER MASONS:

Boardwell, J.
Blundell, J. A.
Bowles, F. J.
Chambers, T. A.
Cogswell, Wm. L.
Cowie, A. J.
Dodwell, Rev. G. B.
Davidson, S. R.
Eaton, W.
Fader, A.
Francis, T. H.
Harris, H.
Harley, F. W.
Henley, W. C.
Hart, H. McC.
Johnson, G. R.
Johnson, T. C.
Kaizer, A. G.
LeRoux, E.
McDonald, A. G.
Northup, A.
Oakes, S. D.
Winterbourne, Rev. J.
Priest, J. S.
Peakes, J. D.
Payne, T. J.
Roome, W. T.
Rolston, J. D.
Sanford, G. A.
Shirreff, John.
Simson, F. C.
Slayter, W. B.
Strothard, Rev. James.
Thomas, W. G.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

### HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. E. CURREN.....*W. M.*
L. D. WIER.....*S. W.*
F. W. JOHNSTONE.....*J. W.*
J. KERR.....*T.*
L. A. BARNABY.....*Sec'y.*
W. L. BROWN.....*S. D.*
H. M. McDONALD.....*J. D.*
W. E. LEVERMAN.....*I. G.*
W. R. LUGAR.....*S. S.*
W. P. DOWNIE.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.
J. Martin, G. Tyler.
J. W. Laurie, G. Master.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.
A. K. MacKinlay, P. G. W.
C. F. Vose.
E. M. Veith.
W. Inglis.
W. F. MacCoy.
G. Anderson.
D. Robertson.
I. J. Wylde.
C. C. Carter.
S. Trott.

MASTER MASONS:

Allison, A.
Andrews, C.
Barry, C. R.
Cook, T.
Eagar, M. F.
Fielding, George H.
Fielding, John E.
Fordham, A.
Hamilton, F. A.
Hesslein, A. G.
Hesslein, L. J.
Jackson, H. W.
Morse, J. E.
Messervey, J.
Morrison, Rev. R.
Meadows, W.
McDonald, W. B.
McDonald, Alexander.
Nash, W. C.
Rutherford, D.
Stather, R.
Smith, J. G.
Smith, H. W.
Sutherland, J.
Tatham, W. J.
Whiston, F.

# VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS:

C. J. SPIKE.....*W. M.*
E. J. GORHAM.....*S. W.*
J. T. LITHGOW ..... .....*J. W.*
W. A. HESSON .....*T.*
C. W. TUPPER..... .....*Sec'y.*
A. D. JOHNSTONE..... .....*S. D.*
G. W. C. OLAND.....*J. D.*
P. C. HILL.....*I. G.*
A. STEPHEN.....*S. S.*
C. E. PUTTNER.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.
R. T. Roome.
B. Curren, P. G. W., G. Sec'y.
J. Gossip, P. G. W.
T. Mowbray, G. D. of C.
C. E. Puttner.
C. C. Vaux.
A. Stephen.
J. Hicks.
J. Hudson, P. G. W.
J. Crossland.
Rev. F. Partridge, P. D. G. M.
W. Esson.
J. Wall.
W. Ross, P. G. W.
R. B. Croft.

### MASTER MASONS:

Bland, L. J.
Brown, R.
Cornelius, J.
Creighton, H. C.
Day, F.
Fitch, S.
Gibson, V. J.
Gorham, E.
Greer, G. M.
Greer, T. A.
Hart, W. H.
Hunt, J. J.
Jennett, J. R.
Jago, J. W.
Knight, J. T. P.
Lane, R. B.
Lawson, W. T.
Lundy, C. W.
Mitchell, Wm. F.
McCrow, J.
Murray, Rev. F. R.
Newman, W. H.
Northup, W. C.
Oland, J. C.
Potts, C. H.
Rigby, C. D.
Ross, W. B.
Schaefer, H.
Sinclair, G. L.
Symons, W. T.
Saunders, J. R.
Scott, A. M.
Spike, A. W.
Silver, H. S.
Townsend, S.
Twining, H. St. G.
Towers, G.
Wickwire, W. N.

# UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

## LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. ETTER.....*W. M.*
J. M. RUDOLF.....*S. W.*
J. A. BAILEY.....*J. W.*
H. S. JOST.....*T.*
REV. G. D. HARRIS.....*Sec'y.*
A. THURLOW.....*S. D.*
W. L. ROMKEY.....*J. D.*
.....*I. G.*
W. SMITH.....*S. S.*
S. JACOBS.....*J. S.*
W. GRAY.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. S. Jost, D. D. G. M.
D. J. Rudolf.
D. M. Owen.

MASTER MASONS:

Arenberg, C.
Coldwell, A. B.
Dowling, C. J.
Eisenhauer, A.
Hebb, John.
Hyson, J.
Hunt, James E.
Kaulback, J.
Knock, D.
Knock, N.
Liebkie, A.
Mosher, J. A.
Morash, A.
Nass, J.
Oxner, R.
Pearle, J.
Powers, F.
Risser, J.
Risser, S.
Rodenheiser, I.
Smith, F.
Shupe, J.
Selig, G. H.
Smeltzer, M.
Townshend, W.
Wolf, E.
Wallace, W. H.
Zinck, T.
Zwicker, J. H.
Zwicker, W. A.

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# ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

## NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. CUMMINGS.....*W. M.*
D. McDEARMID.....*S. W.*
D. DOUGLAS.....*J. W.*
J. McGILLVARY.....*T.*
R. GRANT.....*Sec'y.*
A. J. RICE.....*S. D.*
N. PUSHIE.....*J. D.*
J. R. McLEAN.....*I. G.*
J. TREEN.....*S. S.*
J. H. CAVANAGH.....*J. S.*
T. SULLIVAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. J. Cameron.
K. McLeod.
P. R. Meikle.
G. A. Douglas.
A. Fraser.
A. McQueen.
J. McGillivray.
R. A. Walker.
J. K. Fraser.
J. W. Church.
A. Cameron.
J. S. McKay.
D. C. Fraser, P. D. G. M.
H. T. Sutherland, D.D.G.M.

MASTER MASONS:

Betts, W.
Bulley, G. G.
Bell, C. A.
Cummings, D.
Campbell, D.
Copeland, A.
Campbell, A.
Coghill, A. D.
Cameron, F.
Cameron, J.
Carew, G. O. B.
Dougald, D.
Dawson, C. E.
Dunbar, R.
Dunbar, A.
Eastwood, J.
Fraser, W.
Fraser, T.
Fraser, T. J.
Fraser, H. S.
Fraser, J.
Fraser, C.
Fraser, A.
Fraser, D.
Fraser, A.
Fraser, W. J.
Fraser, W. A.
Fraser, S. E.
Flockhart, J.
Gerrard, J. W.
Graham, J. G.
Graham, W. C.
Graham, R.
Graham, D. R.
Graham, J. McK.
Grant, D. R.
Grant, J. F.
Gregor, J. W.
Holmes, J.
Hunter, J.
Henderson, H. H.
Ingraham, J.
Love, W.
McKenzie, A. G.
McKenzie, W. F.
McKinnon, J. C.
McKay, R. P.
McKay, J.
McKay, M.
McKay, D. W.
McKay, J. R.
McKarcher, J.
McKarcher, A.
McLean, C.
McLeod, A. F.
McLeod, N.
McLeod, A.
McDonald, J.
McDonald, J.
McDonald, J.
McDonald, D.
McCurdy, S. M.
McNeil, J.
McPherson, J.
Mann, A.
Marshall, B. B.
Meikle, A.
Murray, G. R. McG.
Murray, H.
O'Brien, T.
O'Brien, A.
Patterson, C.
Polson, D.
Reaves, J.
Ross, D.
Ross, D.
Ross, H.
Ross, J.
Rose, H.
Stewart, J. K.
Stewart, A.
Sutherland, N.
Thompson, A. C.
Thompson, C. B.
Townsend, H. I.
Turner, J. R.
Urquhart, A.

# ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS:

W. HOLLOWAY.....*W. M.*
B. J. PRITCHARD.....*S. W.*
W. H. LAWRENCE.....*J. W.*
T. P. JOST.....*T.*
J. McLEARN.....*Sec'y.*
F. J. ENEFER.....*S. D.*
J. H. BENTLY.....*J. D.*
J. FOSTER.....*I. G.*
J. G. COLP.....*S. S.*
W. H. WILLS.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS:

W. Holloway, P. G. W.
J. McLearn.
H. B. Sellon.
E. Fultz.
D. L. Johns.
G. J. Fluck.
D. McDougall.
G. Taylor.

### MASTER MASONS:

Berry, W.
Barnstead, J. P.
Brown, S.
Cook, H.
Doyle, J. L.
Edwards, A.
Everett, T. E.
Evans, N.
Fulton, H.
Forbes, J.
Geppard, J. P.
Grant, S. A.
Hammett, J. L.
Hammett, H. B.
Luke, W. G.
Martell, C. A.
McDougall, J. H.
Mumford A.
Packer, E.
Robinson, R.
Robinson, T.
Renhart, W. N.
Thompson, W. R.
Woolnough, C.
Worth, G.
Ward, F.
Wilson, G.

# ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

## SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 499, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. W. PUBLICOVER.....*W. M.*
T. HAROLD.....*S. W.*
C. A. FARQUHARSON.....*J. W.*
A. J. McDONALD.....*T.*
C. A. RICHARDSON.....*Sec'y.*
N. E. MUGGAH.....*S. D.*
A. McLENNAN.....*J. D.*
D. McLENNAN.....*I. G.*
J. McVICAR.....*S. S.*
R. MENZIES.....*J. S.*
K. McKENZIE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

N. L. McKay.
M. Dodd.
A. D. McGillvary, D. D. G. M.
J. McKenzie.
D. Matheson.
A. McLeod.
J. Patterson.
A. G. McLean, P. S. G. W.
E. S. Stirling.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, G. B.
Bradley, M.
Boutilier, T. S.
Baker, G. M.
Bown, H. G.
Burns, J. A.
Campbell, J. A.
Coleman, R.
Dillon, W. W.
Draper, Rev. T. F.
Florian, J. B.
Ferguson, A.
Farquharson, Rev. A.
Gardiner, W. E.
Hill, C. W.
Hall, H. G.
Lewis, J. V.
Liscomb, F. A.
Martin, R.
Meech, J. A.
McBeth, M.
McDonald, A.
McDonald, Arch.
McKinnon, W.
McKeagan, J.
McKeagan, D.
McKittrick, B.
Muggah, J. W.
Muggah, F. G.
Murphy, E.
Murray, Rev. J.
Oram, G.
Percy, E.
Peters, J.
Peters, S.
Rudderham, D.
Richardson, C. A.
Ross, J. Y.
Richardson, A.
Townsend, J. C.
Townsend, N.
Townsend, T. W. C.
Townsend, J. E.
Townsend, E. M.
Wilson, J.

# ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

## AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No 14, R N. S. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

F. A. WILSON ..... *W. M.*
E. J. LAY ..... *S. W.*
D. W. ROBB ..... *J. W.*
W. J. MORAN ..... *T.*
A. DAVISON ..... *Sec'y.*
A. A. CHAPMAN ..... *S. D.*
A. P. DOULL ..... *J. D.*
W. M. DOWLIN ..... *M.*
A. J. MUNROE ..... *S. S.*
C. E. BAKER ..... *J. S.*
C. BROWNELL ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Hill.
N. Tupper, P. G. W.
C, J. Townshend.
C. R. Smith.
W. I. Moffat.
A. B. Etter.
D. T. Chapman.
J. M. Townshend.

MASTER MASONS:

Avard, C. F.
Bigelow, J. E.
Black, A.
Burton, W. H.
Bird, G. G.
Bent, B. D.
Barnes, J. C.
Brownell, E.
Colford, P. J.
Carter, A.
Chapman, D. T.
Coates, E. F.
Coates, H. M.
Chipman, R. W.
Chapman, J. H.
Curry, N.
Dunlap, T.
Douglas, D. W.
Etter, J. B.
Etter, P. J.
Etter, G. K.
Farrington, C.
Freeman, J. W.
Greenfield, S. R.
Gaetz, Rev. I.
Goodwin, C.
Harris, Rev. V. E.
Holmes, W.
Hewsen, C. W.
Hewsen, J. H.
Hay, J. M.
Harrison, O. L.
Hillsen, C. T.
Higgins, W,
Knight, E. W.
Lamy, J. R.
Lawrenson, R.
Lowe, C. A.
Main, C. W.
Main, W. D.
Murray, W.
McKay, S. G.
McLeod, D.
McLeod, H. C.
Nichol, P.
Pelton, E. C.
Porter, J.
Pugsley, R.
Quillon, S. M.
Rodgers, G. P.
Seaman, G.
Seaman, J. H.
Townshend, Rev. G.
Vernon, M. P.
Warmunde, E.
Willet, G. B.

# ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

## LIVERPOOL.

Formerly No. 562, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. McLEOD.....*W. M.*
G. A. SMITH.....*S. W.*
F. PUTNAM.....*J. W.*
S. C. WEST.....*T.*
A. L. WEST.....*Sec'y.*
D. BUCHANAN.....*S. D.*
P. BOWEN.....*J. D.*
A. C. PARKER.....*I. G.*
J. BUCHANAN.....*S. S.*
W. D. HAMMETT.....*J. S.*
A. LAING.....*Tyler*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cobb.
J. M. Cole.
D. Buchanan.
J. N. S. Marshall.
W. Knaut.
E. J. Thompson.
W. T. B. Fraser.
A. C. Parker.

MASTER MASONS:

Burking, J.
Baltzer, J.
Beals, A.
Burgess, J.
Clements, C. H.
Cowie, A.
Chandler, S.
Day, A.
Dumphy, E.
Ferber, F. F.
Frith, C.
Frelick, E.
Gardner, S.
Gardner, A.
Love, J.
Ling, W. C.
McLeod, W. S.
McDonald, A.
Mouser, W.
Middlemas, J. B.
Moody, D.
Mailman, S.
Noonan, G.
Ritchie, W.
Snow, C. E. D.
Stewart, J. S.
Stewart, R.
Smith, G. P.
Thompson, W. J.
Verge, W.
Verge, J.
Verge, S.
Winters, G.
Wile, J.
Wright, C. J.

# BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| J. PATTERSON | *W. M.* | T. A. COOK | *S. D.* |
| D. C. GRANT | *S. W.* | J. A. HANCOCK | *J. D.* |
| J. C. LLOY | *J. W.* | J. D. BROKENSHIR | *M.* |
| J. FORTUNE | *T.* | C. ROBINSON | *S. S.* |
| A. WADDELL | *Sec'y.* | S. MOSHER | *J. S.* |

PAST MASTERS.

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| William Taylor, Past G. Master, | J. R. Bennett. |
| R. Brechin, P. D. G. M. | O. Jones. |
| D. Pottinger, P. G. W. | J. T. Clarke. |
| Alex. Waddell. | W. A. McKenzie. |
| J. Fortune. | Rev. R. Wainwright. |
| W. A. Garrison. | J. H. Balcam. |
| S. Mosher. | J. Ellis. |

MASTER MASONS:

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| Allen, W. | Evens, W. | Judge, P. |
| Ashwood, J. C. | Fultz, R. DeB. | Janowyce, J. |
| Bucksey, C. | Fancy, S. | Kenty, I. B. |
| Blakeney, J. | Garret, H. | Lowe, J. H. |
| Burden, J. W. | Grant, G. S. | McConkey, T. |
| Baker, J. | Grant, J. C. | McDonald, W. |
| Beck, J. A. | Griffin, J. | McHeffy, J. |
| Bennett, C. H. | Genge, M. H. | McInnis, H. |
| Butcher, J. B. | Gruchy, DuP. | McKenzie, W. W. |
| Brinkman, C. | Hefler, J. | Morrison, J. |
| Craigie, J. | Hillier, C. | Mansfield, E. |
| Cawsey, J. | Hillman, G. T. | Messervey, W. |
| Carr, J. | Harris, A. | Mitchell, S. |
| Chatwin, J. P. | Hatfield, A. J. | Monamy, J. G. |
| Clements, W. | Hire, J. R. | Morrison, R. |
| Cropley, H. A. | Hopkins, H. | Martell, J. |
| Dean, F. | Innis, G. S. | |
| Dixon, J. | Jones, W. | |

Maskell, J. G.
Maskell, P. W.
Morrison, W.
Mosely, R.
Osborne, J.
O'Brien, M. J.
Overy, J.
Pace, S.
Partridge, A.
Philips, A. J.
Patterson, R.
Purdy, J.
Pye, C. E.
Pye, W. H.
Robinson, W.
Satterley, W. J. S.
Salter, W.
Service, T.
Stoddard, W. E.
Sterling, E.
Taylor, W. E.
Thomson, J. A.
Waddell, D.
Wilson, T. G.
Woods, T.
Williams, D.
White, D.
Yould, T.

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## NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

### PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM JUNE TILL SEPTEMBER (BOTH INCLUSIVE), AND ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

OFFICERS:

J. McMILLAN.....*W. M.*
C. E. TANNER.....*S. W.*
M. MORRISON.....*J. W.*
W. T. GILLIS.....*T.*
G. E. JOHNSTONE.....*Sec'y.*
F. McKARCHER.....*S. D.*
A. J. CRAIG.....*J. D.*
D. W. MURRAY.....*I. G.*
T. TANNER.....*S. S.*
F. W. FRASER.....*J. S.*
J. D. CARLETON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. Tanner.
J. A. Gordon.
G. R. Davies.
T. Robley.
J. R. Davies.
T. Tanner.
H. Kirkwood.
K. J. McKenzie.
W. F. Tanner.

MASTER MASONS:

Allard, W.
Bone, C. D.
Brown, J.
Chipman, W.
Cooke, W. A.
Currie, A.
Christie, D.
Curry, W.
Christie, G. J.
Copeland, S.
Cameron, S. J.
Carmichael, J.
Craig, D.
Craig, A. J.
Clark, J.
Campbell, A.
Campbell, J. W.
Carleton, S.
Devey, W.
Davies, C. E.
Duncan, R. G.
Downing, J. L.
Douglas, D.
Edgecombe, Rev. J.

Edmunds, W.
English, D. W.
Fisher, J. A.
Forbes, J. W.
Fraser, Dan. C.
Fraser, G. W.
Forbes, H.
Fowler, L. P.
Fernie, W.
Fraser, J.
Fraser, N.
Fraser, Alex.
Fraser, J.
Geldert, D. M.
Green, J. A. C.
Garvin, J. S.
Graham, P. McG.
Grant, W.
Gunn, J.
Gunn, W.
Harper, M.
Henderson, A. C.
Hockin, R.
Harris, J. S.
Harris, W. S.
Hamilton, C.
Ives, G. D.
Ives, W. H.
Ives, D. F.
Jack, W.
Munro, W.
Munro, Duncan.
McDonald, Dan.
McGregor, M.
McDonald, Colin.
McDonald, Robt.
McDonald, J. R.
McKenzie, Wm.
McDonald, James.
McKarchar, A.
McKenzie, John.
McDonald, John.
McDonald, J. S.
McDonald, R.
McKenzie, Alex.
McKenzie, H.
McKenzie, J.
McDonald, D.
McKinnon, L.
Munro, David.
McKay, A. H.
McKenzie, K. J.
McKenzie, Alex.
Murray, D. N.
McDonald, James.
McNeil, J.
McNaught, A.
McKenzie, A.
McDonald, D. L.
McPherson, G.
McDonald, Alex.
Murray, L.
McCoull, A.
Ott, C.
Patton, T.
Poull, G. W.
Ross, W.
Rood, C. L.
Smith, C.
Seaward, W.
Sterling, D. S.
Silva, J. P.
Sproull, J. F.
Sproull, J. A.
Stone, T.
Sutherland, D.
Sutherland, J. B.
Thompson, A.
Taylor, T. G.
Urquhart, W.

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## HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. T. GRANT.....*W. M.*
E. D. MOULTON.....*S. W.*
C. E. TRASK.....*J. W.*
J. R. WYMAN.....*T.*
T. B. CROSBY.....*Sec'y.*
H. CHURCHILL.....*S. D.*
H. E. CHUTE.....*J. D.*
A. ROGERS.....*I. G.*
J. G. BAKER.....*S. S.*
J. P. SELLARS.....*J. S.*
B. B. SMITH.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

T. V. B. Bingay.
A. J. Hood.
J. W. Bingay.
F. L. Hatfield.
A. S. Hood.
J. R. Wyman.
T. B. Crosby, D. D. G. M.
T. E. Corning.
W. W. Reid.
T. V. B. Bingay, Jr.

MASTER MASONS:

Bent, N. H.
Bingay, G.
Brown, W. V.
Brown, C. L.
Chadsey, J.
Ellis, J. J.
Gardner, J. N.
Gridley, J. E.
Goudy, A., Jr.
Goudy, H.
Hatfield, N. B.
Hood, S. C.
Homer, A. W.
Hughes, H.
Holmes, J. H.
Hutchinson, A. C.
Ingram, Rev. A. E.
Lewis, J. B.
Lovitt, J. J.
McCormack, J.
Parker, J. B.
Patton, G. S.
Rogers, L. J.
Rogers, C.
Rozee, J.
Reed, W. W.
Ross, W. D.
Ross, D.
Roberts, W. F.
Ritter, R.
Spinney, D.
Sleethe, J,
Scovill, S. N.
Spears, R.
Titus, G. B.
Wyman, N. A.

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## ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

### PUGWASH.

ormerly No. 612. R. E. Chartered February 28, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. MACKINTOSH.....*W. M.*
J. K. SALTER .....*S. W.*
A. WILSON.....*J. W.*
H. C. BLACK.....*T.*
REV. F. F. SHERMAN.....*Sec'y.*
H. G. JOHNSON.....*S. D.*
J. NICHOLS .....*J. D.*
J. SUTHERLAND.....*I. G.*
R. SMITH .....*S. S.*
H. HOUSTON.....*J. S.*
G. MCKINNON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. C. Black.
D. Maculay.
R. Smith.
E. King.

MASTER MASONS:

Brownell, H.
Campbell, D.
Heather, G.
McDonald, J.
Mitchell, A.
Munro, M.
McPherson, E.
McLeod, C.
Page, R. F.
Robertson, J.
Starratt, J. W.
Seaman, W. N.
Warner, J. E.
Wilson, Rev. C.
Yeaman, R.

# ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. G. CREELMAN.....*W. M.*
J. D. STEWART.....*S. W.*
A. HAMIL.....*J. W.*
T. D. SPIKE.....*T.*
H. D. MUNRO.....*Sec'y.*
D. CREELMAN.....*S. D.*
G. TAYLOR.....*J. D.*
C. G. CREELMAN.....*I. G.*
W. SUTHERLAND.....*S. S.*
J. SNOW.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Fraser.
J. Sutherland.
A. McLeod.
J. W. Ruhland, D. D. G. M.
T. D. Spike.
O. M. Hill.
T. C. Allen.
J. J. McKiel, G. Sup. of W.

NASTER MASONS:

Archibald, D.
Bligh, H. H.
Banks, H. H.
Banks, A. F.
Clausen, J. H.
Cochran, C.
Coward, G.
Campbell, N.
Edes, H.
Fraser, J.
Geldert, J. M.
Gibson, E.
Haliburton, A. A.
Hesslein, H. H.
Johanson, G.
Khristenson, C.
Larson, B.
Langille, C.
Levangie, M.
Moir, D.
Munck, W.
McFatridge, R.
McKay, A.
McKenzie, A.
McLeod, A.
McCuish, A.
McAulay, N. H.
McAlpine, J. T.
McAulay, A. H.
Nott, H.
Nickerson, C.
Patterson, J. W.
Preston, E. G.
Robinson, C.
Ryan, J. F.
Risteen, W. H.
Sutherland, A. R.
Stewart, D.
Smith, W. V.
Willis, C.
Woodbridge, A. F.
Williams, H. F.

# ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. H. DOW.....*W. M.*
I. S. SANFORD.....*S. W.*
G. W. P. REID.....*J. W.*
J. McINNIS.....*T.*
W. WILLIAMS.....*Sec'y.*
W. H. BROWN.....*S. D.*
H. LAWSON.....*J. D.*
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....*M.*
T. MITCHELL.....*S. S.*
J. T. HAMILTON.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. J. McDonald, P. D. G. M.
J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.
W. Williams, P. G. W.
J. J. Stewart.
A. Carpenter.
T. Mitchell.
J. T. Hamilton.
A. B. Wilmot.
B. H. Landis, G. Sw'd. B.

MASTER MASONS:

Archibald, E.
Archibald, J. L.
Barnstead, J.
Bowser, J.
Boggs, G. W.
Brush, W.
Cox, C. F.
Cecconi, T.
Elliot, J. T.
Eastwood, R.
Gray, C. W.
Hopgood, W. J.
Hubley, B.
Herkes, J.
Healy, W.
Hames, W. J.
Haystead, J. R.
Ingles, C. R.
Jakeman, W.
Kearney, E.
Longard, J. P.
Lock, R.
Myers, R.
McLellan, W. W.
McElhinney, A. D.
Mosher, A.
Richardson, W. J.
Sarre, W. C.
Sutherland. J. H.
Walters, S.
Wiswell, W. E.

# KEITH LODGE, No 16.

## BEAR RIVER, DIGBY CO.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

D. J. MORSE.....*W. M.*
W. G. CLARK.....*S. W.*
———.....*J. W.*
A. MARSHALL.....*T.*
G. NICHOLL.....*Sec'y.*
W. W. CLARK.....*S. D.*
J. W. TURNBULL.....*J. D.*
I. J. DUNN.....*I. G.*
J. H. PURDY.....*S. S.*
W. GRAHAM.....*J. S.*
W. HALLIDAY.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Nicholl.
J. H. Harlow.
J. H. Benson.
J. V. Purdy.
E. E. Tupper, P. S. G. W.
S. Kniffin.
C. E. Hulsman.
C. H. Purdy.

MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, R. J.
Bey, J. W.
Benson, J. P.
Benson, G. W.
Benson, A.
Crosby, H.
Cooper, J. E.
Dunn, J. E.
Dunn, A. C.
Dunn, I. J.
Fleet, J. H.
Hogan, W. B.
Hogan, J. P.
Harris, J. H.
Longley, J.
Lent, W. A.
LeGain, J.
Lent, D.
Morgan, W.
McFadden, W.
Nicholl, W. T.
Purdy, W. A.
Waugh, G. A.
Parker, G. S.
Quigley, N.
Rice, I. B.
Rice, E.
Rice, C. R.
Ruggles, H.
Shaw, W. E.
Smith, W.
Spurr, W. V.
Troop, W. T.
Vroom, G. V.

# KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R. S. Established January, 1852. Also, No. 3, R. N. S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. A. SMITH.....*W. M.*
F. WATERS.....*S. W.*
Rev. G. W. KENT.....*J. W.*
W. McNALLY.....*T.*
R. W. BUCHANAN.....*Sec'y.*
W. GLEESON.....*S. D.*
J. FARQUHAR.....*J. D.*
C. F. F. SCHOPPE.....*M.*
J. KNIVETON.....*S. S.*
J. G. CRUMP.....*J. S.*
T DAVIS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. K. Munnis.
J. T, Wood.
W. McNally.
D. M. Hazel.
W. P. Lowe.
W. H. Havill.
J. N. Lindsay.
D. F. Douglas.
J. B. Norton.
J. W. Crawford.
J. W. Heckman, J. G. D.
J. Quiglay, G. P.

MASTER MASONS:

Arthur, T. W.
Archibald, A. K.
Blakely, J. H.
Burbidge, D. H.
Budd, W.
Campbell, C.
Eaton, H. W.
Gough, G. B.
Graham, P. D.
Hillier, I.
Johnston, J. A.
Johnson, Rev. G.
Larder, L. H.
Lane, Rev. W. G.
Mitchell, D.
Moody, W.
Matson, G.
Messervey, W. J.
McLellan, G.
McGilvery, W. G.
Oglivie, H.
Philp, J. H.
Perrin, T.
Ring, G.
Smith, E.
Soper, W. H.
Simmons, J.
Smith, P. S.
Thompson, J.
Withel, C.
Wright, E. W.
Wood, G. A. F.
Warner, F. A.
Warner, E. C.

# UNION LODGE, No. 18.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS:

T. G. D. SCOTLAND..... *W. M.*
W. JONES..... *S. W.*
C. T. DIXON..... *J. W.*
P. E. McKERROW ..... *T.*
J. JACKSON..... *Sec'y.*
W. T. BAILEY..... *S. D.*
J. FLINT..... *J. D.*
C. COOPER..... *I. G.*
J. L. FRENCH ..... *S. S.*
D. SKINNER..... *J. S.*
J. MARTIN..... *Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS:

W. T. Davis.
P. E. McKerrow, G. St.
W. B. Thomas.
C. E. Bracket.
B. N. Davis.
C. F. Biddle.
W. J. Chearnley.

### MASTER MASONS:

Arthurs, T.
Bushenpin, P.
Bovells, B.
Duporte, W. H. T.
Edgell, J.
Ewing, T. J.
Francis, A. D.
Johnson, J. W.
James, A.
Knight, J. S.
Lee, D.
Latimer, G.
McDonald, T.
Martin, J. H.
Miller, J.
Morris, J.
Sampson, W. H.
Sweeney, J. A.
Symons, N.
Small, S. A.
Williams, T.
Whalen, W.
White, R.

# ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 19.

## NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

N. MARTELL.....*W. M.*
A. ROSS FORBES.....*S. W.*
T. E. McDONALD.....*J. W.*
D. McKAY.....*T.*
G. F. M. FORBES.....*Sec'y.*
R. McLEARN.....*S. D.*
N. McCUISH.....*J. D.*
J. HOWATSON.....*I. G.*
J. G. ROSS.....*S. S.*
M. McLEAN.....*J. S.*
D. SCOTT.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. Proctor.
J. H. Christie.
W. Purves.
J. Vooght.
D. McKay.
N. Martell.
D. Lawlor.
J. N. Armstrong.
J. J. Forbes.

MASTER MASONS :

Archibald, W. H.
Armstrong, T. J.
Brown, T. S.
Burgess, J. T.
Buffett, B.
Copeland, W. S.
Cleveland, F. H.
Cameron, D.
Dodd, J. W.
Forbes, W.
Gordon, J. W.
Horne, W.
Ingraham, G. B.
Lemoine, F. T.
Langwith, H. E.
McDonald, J.
McDonald, J. D.
McMillan, Rev. D.
McLarty, D.
McKenzie, D. J.
McCuish, J.
McKenzie, A.
McKeen, G. K.
Musgrave, R.
Moore, W. H.
Moore, J. B.
Morrison, D.
Melvin, J.
Morgan, J. J.
Munroe, J.
Nisbet, P. R.
Nisbet, J.
Noel, J.
Peppett, J. W.
Robertson, C. A.
Robinson, G.
Shepherd, R.
Wilson, R.
Wilson, J.

## ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

### WOLFVILLE, KING'S COUNTY.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. W. WALLACE.....*W. M.*
J. W. COLDWELL.....*S. W.*
E. A. ELDERKIN.....*J. W.*
A. S. MURRAY.....*T.*
J. B. DAVISON.....*Sec'y.*
J. W. WALLACE.....*S. D.*
F. MITCHELL.....*J. D.*
E. P. ARMSTRONG.....*M.*
M. PICK.....*S. S.*
S. R. SLEEP.....*J. S.*
W. C. BLACKADDER.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Bigelow.
E. P. Armstrong.
E. N. Payzant.
G. H. Wallace.
J. W. Coldwell.
J. B. Davison.
A. S. Murray.

MASTER MASONS:

Cochran, J.
Coldwell, P.
Cargeeg, W.
Chambers, J. D.
DeWolf, F. K.
Eagles, J. C.
Hemmeon, J. B.
Hemmeon, Joseph B.
Harris, L. E.
Hardwick, W. D.
Smith, J. H.
Lockhart, J. S.
Mellish, J. M.
McDonald, J. S.
Reed, D. D.
Robinson, H.

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## DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

### WILMOT.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

### HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

# KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

## STELLARTON.

Formerly 870, R, E Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. R. GREEN ..... *W. M.*
J. W. COGHILL ..... *S. W.*
W. G. MILLER ..... *J. W.*
J. McQUARRIE ..... *T.*
J. FRASER ..... *Sec'y.*
G. GRAY ..... *S. D.*
A. D. McKENZIE ..... *J. D.*
D. D. ROBERTSON ..... *M.*
J. G. S. HUDSON ..... *S. S.*
W. SUTHERLAND ..... *J. S.*
K. McDONALD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Maxwell.
L. Johnstone, P. D. G. M.
J. McQuarrie.
J. D. Ross.
R. Nevin.
Rev. D. C. Moore, P. D. G. M.
W. MacKenzie.
A. B. Gray.
J. Denoon.
J. R. Green, S.G.W.
G. A. Ward.
A. H. McKay.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, A.
Bain, A.
Corbett, J. R.
Cumming, J.
Cullen, W.
Charlton, E.
Dickson, C. W.
Fraser, R. P.
Fraser, P. A.
Fraser, W.
Falconer, J. F.
Gray, J. A.
Grant, Ar. G.
Grant, Alex. G.
Holmes, C.
Keith, Daniel.
Martin, M.
McDonald, A.
McIntosh, J.
McLean, J.
McLean, R.
McKay, J. H.
McKay, J. R.
McKenzie, W. G.
Wier, J.
McDonald, M. P.
Purvis, A.
Ross, J. D.
Ross, R. M.
Ross, W.
Ross, P.
Smith, J.
Stuart, C. R.
Sproull, W. Y.
Thurlow, Rev. I.
Wentworth, J.
Webster, M. C.

## CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

### CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| J. L. NICKERSON | *W. M.* | E. NICKERSON | *S. D.* |
| W. D. NICKERSON | *S. W.* | J. G. NICKERSON | *J. D.* |
| J. B. BRANNEN | *J. W.* | A. KINNEY | *M.* |
| J. C. ATKINSON | *T.* | L. KENNEY | *S. S.* |
| W. B. SMITH | *Sec'y.* | ——— | *J. S.* |

H. A. KENNEY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Smith. A. K. Smith. B. G. Covell.

MASTER MASONS:

Kenney, P. Nickerson, C. Nickerson, G. W.
Kenney, J. W. Nickerson, T. N. Nickerson, J. L.
Nickerson, R.

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## WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

### WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY CO.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NO RETURNS.

# WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

## WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. CARMICHAEL.....*W. M.*
J. W. SHARP.....*S. W.*
J. A. WEBB.....*J. W.*
D. DAVIS.....*T.*
H. W. DIMOCK.....*Sec'y.*
J. P. SMITH.....*S. D.*
J. COON.....*J. D.*
J. W. KILCUP.....*I. G.*
S. ARMSTRONG.....*S. S.*
J. T. DIMOCK.....*J. S.*
W. M. DIMOCK.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Lieut.-Col. James Poyntz.
W. W. Rickards.
F. W. Dakin, P. G. W.
C. W. Dimock.
J. B. Black, D. D. G. M.
H. W. Dimock.
A. Blanchard.
J. R. Cowen.
A. S. Sanford.
E. D. Shand.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, J.
Allison, J. G.
Brown, J.
Browne, J.
Bradshaw, G. W.
Beckman, F. W.
Bennett, L. K.
Burford, B.
Burgess, F. N.
Burgess, J. G.
Cochran, T. W.
Cochran, H.
Caldwell, T.
Caudle, W.
Card, J. N.
Chute, C.
Cochran, C. P.
Card, J.
Campbell, J. W.
Dill, J. W.
Fraser, J. R.
Fuller, A.
Gould, B. L.
Guzman, A. Von.
Haley, A.
Harvey, J. W.
Harvey, G.
Harte, J. H.
Kilcup, H.
Lunn, W.
Lelacheur, M.
Mosher, J. D.
Mosher, D.
Malcom, T.
Miller, R.
Martin, J.
McNeil, J.
O'Brien, R.
Payzant, C. W.
Pattison, G.
Pettis, G. E.
Smith, T. B.
Smith, G. W.
Smith, D.
Sanford, A.
Sterling, R. M.
Stephens, J. S.
Timlin, T. H.
Woods, G.
Wiggins, G. C.
Wier, W.

## WIDOWS' FRIEND LODGE, No. 27

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED 1874.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

R. D. G. HARRIS ..... *W. M.*
J. E. ELLS ..... *S. W.*
W. M. SANDFORD ..... *J. W.*
A. B. BAXTER ..... *T.*
E. J. LOOMER ..... *Sec'y.*
J. WEST ..... *S. D.*
V. GREEN ..... *J. D.*
G. V. VAUGHAN ..... *I. G.*
J. H. PALMETER ..... *S. S.*
P. BROWN ..... *J. S*
C. E. LOCKWOOD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie.
H. A. Borden.
F. W. Borden, M. D.
A. B. Baxter.
J. H. Palmeter.
G. B. Vaughan.
P. Brown.

MASTER MASONS :

Baxter, W. H.
Baxter, A. E.
Beazley, J.
Breckin, W. P.
Breckin, P. M.
Clay, H. P.
Coffin, D. N.
Canady, J. W.
Dickie, C. B.
Gould, E.
Huntley, D. R.
Lecain, F.
Newcomb, A. H.
Newcomb, C. L.
Parker, W. F.
Potter, A.
Roscoe, W. E.
Sandford, G.
Seaman, G.
Wood, J. E.
Woolaver, C.

# PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

## MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS:

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| I. P. FREEMAN | *W. M.* | W. FORD | *S. D.* |
| J. M. FREEMAN | *S. W.* | J. G. WENTZELL | *J. D.* |
| H. T. TUPPER | *J. W.* | N. R. FREEMAN | *I. G.* |
| R. FREEMAN | *T.* | G. H. BELL | *S. S.* |
| N. C. FREEMAN | *Sec'y.* | G. A. HEMEON | *J. S.* |

R. KEMPTON ..... *Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS:

N. R. Freeman.
H. B. Hallett.
E. M. Freeman.
Z. Freeman.
G. A. Cleaveland.
J. Tupper.

### MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, E.
Bartling, J. C.
Buchanen, G. H.
Cogswell, A. J.
Chute, S.
Douglas, M.
Davis, M.
Etherington, J.
Freeman, E. H.
Freeman, J. N.
Farquah, D.
Farquah, W. H.
Ford, L.
Ford, L. S.
Ford, R. C.
Ford, A. J.
Haughn, J.
Hemeon, W.
Harlow, J. H.
Huskin, A.
Holmes, H. C.
Kempton, P.
Kempton, S. T.
Knowles, J. H.
Moody, D. T.
Murray, A.
Murray, S.
McKay, N.
Parsons, J.
Patterson, J. N.
Ryan, J.
Scoby, J.
Sterns, R.
Smith, R.
Tupper, N. P.
Wentzell, J. N.

## ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

### SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also No. 6, R. N, S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. C. McKAY.....*W. M.*
G. K. HINES.....*S. W.*
E. A. BOWER.....*J. W.*
J. McGILL.....*T.*
R. A. BRUCE.....*Sec'y.*
W. FRITH.....*S. D.*
W. H. DOWNIE.....*J. D.*
T. E. RYN.....*I. G.*
J. BETHUNE.....*S. S.*
T. PURNEY.....*J. S.*
W. G. SWANSBURG.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

N. W. White. J. Bower.

MASTER MASONS:

Corbett, A.
Crocheron, J.
Dexter, C.
Demolitor, L.
Downie, G. E.
Downie, W. M.
Firth, U.
Firth, A.
Harding, A. C.
Houghton, T.
Johnstone, J. W.
Jones, J. L.
Kean, W.
Locke, S.
McLean, W.
McLean, A. C.
McKay, D.
Morrison, D.
McKay, W. K.
McKay, L.
Thompson, J.
Thorborne, J.
White, C.

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## SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

### YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also No. 17 R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. G. GODFREY.....*W. M.*
A. J. CANN.....*S. W.*
C. D. ALLEN.....*J. W.*
G. S. TAYLOR.....*T.*
F. A. BAILEY.....*Sec'y.*
A. B. CROSBY.....*S. D.*
H. A. HULSMAN.....*J. D.*
S. H. PELTON.....*M.*
W. H. LEONARD.....*S. S.*
W. A. BLANSELT.....*J. S.*
H. PHIPPS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Johnson.
F. A. Bailey.
S. H. Pelton, P. G. W.
T. R. Jolly.
T. B. Flint.
A. J. Cann.
G. S. Taylor.
J. L. Brown.
G. M. Dane.

MASTER MASONS:

Anderson, J. C.
Allen, E.
Burrill, W. J. G.
Cain, W. A.
Carey. C.
Dodds, C.
Doane, G. B.
Gardner, R.
Gayton, A.
Harris, P. T. B.
Kelley, R. K.
Kelley, R. P.
Kinney, J. R.
Morton, Geo. J.
Oliver, McGill.
Pendrigh, W.
Potter, F. J.
Patterson, C.
Patten, J. F.
Rowe, W. C.
Robbins, C. S. P.
Strickland, N. C.
Shreve, Rev. R.
VanNorden, A. M.

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## ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.

### WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. REID.....*W. M.*
J. H. SUTTIS.....*S. W.*
J. SMITH.....*J. W.*
H. McCUTCHEON.....*T.*
G. W. CLARK.....*Sec'y.*
C. HEWITT.....*S. D.*
H. ROOD.....*J. D.*
A. C. STEWART.....*M.*
E. CONROY.....*S. S.*
D. McKAY.....*J. S.*
J. ROOD.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Clark.
R. Rood.
J. C. Sims.
A. C. Stewart.
J. Ballantyne.
W. May.
J. McConnell.
J. Rood.

MASTER MASONS:

Crooks, J.
Dickson, G.
Hewitt, J. S.
Hewitt, R.
Jack, J.
McQuarry, D.
McConnell, J.
McConnell, W.
McIntosh, J. A.
Rood, J. H.
Stewart, R.
Sutherland, J. D. G.

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## ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

### ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. ROBINSON.....*W. M.*
J. McDORMAND.....*S. W.*
A. HARRIS.....*J. W.*
R. L. HARDWICK.....*T.*
H. P. GILLIS.....*Sec'y.*
G. A. NICHOL.....*S. D.*
G. WELLS.....*J. D.*
W. J. SHANNON.....*I. G.*
W. B. A. RITCHIE.....*S. S.*
J. P. LYNCH.....*J. S.*
J. DEVERS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Whitman, (Hon. Member.)
A. Robinson, D. D. G. M.
R. L. Hardwick.
R. Harris.
A. B. Cunningham.
S. Hall.
A. S. Ruggles.

MASTER MASONS:

Berber, E. F.
Clark, J.
Dargie, C. B.
Dargie, T. A.
Ditmars, F. J.
Fullerton, A.
Gates, J. H.
Good, G. E.
Harris, I. D.
Harris, A. E.
Harris, C. E.
Harris, G. B.
Hatheway, F. W.
Healey, J. H.
Iram, H.
Logan, N.
Monroe, A. D.
Mills, G. W.
McCully, C. W.
McKennie, A. J.
Nickerson, B.
Owen, J. M.
O'Dell, C.
Partridge, J.
Potter, S.
Ritchie, J.
Roop, N.
Shearer, A.
Thomas, J. C.
Wells, G.

# QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

## SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

A. McQUARRY..... .....*W. M.*
D. DECHMAN..... .....*S. W.*
A. McDONALD ..... .....*J. W.*
W. MURDOCH..... ..... .....*T.*
A. SCOTT..... ..... .....*Sec'y.*
J. W. McDONALD ..... .....*S. D.*
J. DRAKE..... .....*J. D.*
D. McMILLAN.....*M.*
A. CAMERON..... .....*S. S.*
J. H. McDONALD ..... .....*J. S.*
J. W. McDANIEL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. H. McDaniel.
A. K. White.
J. A. Stewart.
A. Fisher.
J. A. Fraser.
J. Cameron.
W. D. R. Cameron, D. D. G. M.
J. H. McDonald.
J. D. McDonald.
J. C. Archibald.
R. McLeod.
W. H. McDonald.
J. W. McDaniel.

MASTER MASONS:

Blake, T.
Cameron, A.
Cameron, D.
Cameron, J. S.
Cameron, A.
Cameron, D. H.
Clark, D. A.
Clark, W. E.
Clark, W.
Cumminger, J.
Cruickshank, W. G.
Chisholm, J. A.
Dickson, J.
Fraser, D.
Gunn, W.
Hattie, A.
Hattie, D.
Hattie, W. C.
Hall, S. T.
Harding, D.
Hemlow, H.
Hemlow, J.
Hewitt, W. A.
Hewitt, J.
Hewit, Z. H.
Hollis, T.
Hudson, S.
Ireland, A.
Kirk, J. A.
Manson, A.
Manson, G. W.
MacGowen, M.
McCutcheon, J.
McDonald, A. G.
McDonald, F. P.
McDonald, J. G.
McIntosh, E.
McIntosh, J. W.
McKeen W., Sr.
McKenzie, A. D.
McKinnon, A.
McLane, H. C.
McLane, W. B.
McQuarrie, N.
Moser, G. H.
Mudoch, W. J.
Painter, W. L.
Purdy, G.
Pye, W. E.
Pye, F.
Robertson, H.
Smith, A. T.
Shiers, J. F.
Suttis, R. W.
Tate, J.
Turner, J.

# ST. MARK'S LODGE No. 35.

## BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also, No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. H. WATSON.....*W. M.*
A. S. McDONALD.....*S. W.*
L. McLEOD.....*J. W.*
R. ELMSLEY .....*T.*
D. F. McRAE.....*Sec'y.*
D. McDONALD.....*S. D.*
D. J. McRAE.....*J. D.*
L. SPARLING.....*I. G.*
W. McNAB.....*S. S.*
J. L. BETHUNE.....*J. S.*
S. ATWATER.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. N. Campbell.
W. Kidston (Jun.)
D. Dunlap.
J. L. Rice.
D. F. McRae.
L. G. Campbell.
D. McDonald.
H. A. Foyle.

MASTER MASONS:

Cain, W.
Jones, C. R.
Watson, R.
Marshall, J. K.
McDonald, J. C.
McLeod, M.
McLean, A.
McKenzie, M.
McRae, P.
McAulay, H.
Gibbons, Rev. S.
McPherson, G.
McDonald, J. A.
Anderson, J.
McDonald, D. C.
Williams, T.
McLeod, J.
Hawley, W.
McKenzie, A.
McLeod, J. C.
McKeen, S. G. A.
McRae, R.
Porter, E. Y.

# THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

## COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established, December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. D. ANDERSON ..... *W. M.*
D. McVICCAR ..... *S W.*
T. JOHNSTONE ..... *J. W.*
W. CLARKE ..... *T.*
S. A. SPENCER ..... *Sec'y.*
A. McLEOD ..... *S. D.*
A. McLEAN ..... *J. D.*
J. D. BOLIN ..... *M.*
A. McVICCAR ..... *S. S.*
D. McKENZIE ..... *J. S.*
N. L. QUISTT ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Campbell.
D. McKenzie.
A. L. Anderson.
S. A. Spencer.
W. Clark.
S. Baird.
A. McAulay.

MASTER MASONS:

McAulay, J.
Ferguson, A.
KcKinnon, M.
Bolin, J.
McKenzie, R.
McDonald, A.
McViccar, R.
Dillon, J. A.
McKenzie, J. A.
McKinnon, D.
Martell, W. J.
Anderson, A., Sr.
McDonald, R.
McLennan, M. C.
Orr, J.
Smith, L.
Lewis, N.
McDonald, W. H.
McDonald, D.

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# COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

## TRURO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED MARCH 31, 1881

# THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

## HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11 Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

J. A. ADAMS.....*W. M.*
REV. W. H. SAMPSON.....*S. W.*
J. C. PUTTNER.....*J. W.*
H. A. TAYLOR.....*T.*
R. B. WILCH .....*Sec'y.*
J. F. SMITH.....*S. D.*
G. J. KEMM.....*J. D.*
W. R. SALTER .....*M.*
J. P. ESDAILE.....*S. S.*
A. ADAMS.....*J. S.*
J. MARTIN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.
T. A. Cossmann, P. D. G. M.
E. W Howell.
W. F. Chase.
J. W. Howell.
L. F. Darling, P. G. W., G. L.
M. T. Foster.
W. V. Murray.
J. W. Longley.
C. E. Davison.

MASTER MASONS:

Bannister, W.
Bristowe, J.
Brockley, A. W.
Burrows, G. E.
Blois, T. A.
Collins, W.
Caldwell, J. W.
Cook, T. D.
Dryden, W. T.
Fenton, E. J.
Flick, I. C.
Fielding, W. S.
Forhan, T.
Graham, W.
Graham, F.
Gibson, W. H.
Greig, C.
Hamilton, J. E.
Hawkins, C. A.
Higgins, J. M.
Harvey, C. T.
Irwin, G.
Jost, G. H.
Johnson, W. H.
Levy, M.
Laidlaw, J. B.
Lomas, J. S.
Miller, J. L.
Michaels, A. L.
Millikin, E.
Manley, A. J.
MacDonald, J. R.
Mackey, J. C.
McLeod, W. A.
McRae, P.
McLarren, P.
McKenzie, J. R.
Neily, J. B.
Nelson, A.
Pickering, W. F.
Richis, J.
Renwick, J. R.
Russell, W. F.
Stuart, D. C.
Sweet, F. M.
Salsman, I.
Taylor, A. F. S.
Taylor, W. A.
Wells, W. F.
Wilder, W.
Webster, H.

## ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

### BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

REV. S. MARCH.....*W. M.*
.....*S. W.*
.....*J. W.*
.....*T.*
W. R. WENTZELL.....*Sec'y.*
.....*S. D.*
.....*J. D*
.....*I. G.*
.....*S. S.*
.....*J. S.*
.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

MASTER MASONS:

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## OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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## ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

### BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E. Established October, 1865.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. M. FOSTER.....*W. M.*
R. H. CHIPMAN.....*S. W.*
J. P. MURDOCK.....*J. W.*
E. BENT.....*T.*
B. STARRATT.....*Sec'y.*
W. M. FORSYTH.....*S. D.*
J. H. McLEAN.....*J. D.*
W. E. STARRATT.....*I. G.*
J. H. LONGMINE.....*S. S.*
R. CHESLEY.....*J. S.*
D. PALFREY.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Rev. H. D. deBlois, G. C.
J. L. Cox.
W. E. Starratt, D. G. M.
S. K. Morse.
J. Foster.
B. Starratt.
R. C. Starratt.
L. G. deBlois.
A. Morse.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, W.
Brooks, J. F.
Bath, Robert.
Chesley, T. W.
Chesley, T. N.
Cameron, A. D.
Comwall, C. B.
Elliot, A.
Hall, J.
Locket, J. H.
Murdock, J.
Nicholson, P.
Parker, J. G. H.
Pigott, J.
Read, J. B.
Rumsey, N.
Snow, E.
Vidito, A.

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## EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

### SHEET HARBOUR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No, 13. Chartered March, 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. A. BAKER.....*W. M.*
H. HALL.....*S. W.*
A. RYAN.....*J. W.*
H. DUNN.....*T.*
E. W. DUNLOP.....*Sec'y.*
D. GEDDES.....*S. D.*
R. HALL.....*J. D.*
C. C. HART.....*M.*
W. LOWE.....*S. S.*
J. McG. CRUICKSHANK.....*J. S.*
S. BALCAM.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. W. Archibald.
A. Cruickshank,
W. Routledge.
J. Hall.

MASTER MASONS:

Ashton, N.
Ashton, L.
Balcam, S.
Balcam R.
Balcam, H. G.
Boutilier. W. F.
Carty, J.
Carty, P. P.
Conrad J.
Cruickshank, J.
Cruickshank, J. W.
Drake, D.
Dixon, H.
Dunn, G.
Farnell, J. A.
Grant, S. J
Graham, D.
Hall. A.
Hall, J. W.
Hall, S.
Hall, N.
Hogan, J. P.
Irwin, R. S.
Irwing, G. A.
Josey, R. D.
Leslie, G. A.
Leslie. A. G.
Lindsay, J. A.
Logan, R.
Malay, J, A.
Martin, R.
McDonald, M.
McLeod, E.
McMillan, F.
McKenzie, W. J.
McQuarrie, D.
Parker, J.
Reynolds, T.
Watt G. T.
Whitman, J. H.
Whitman, L.
Lowe, J.

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# TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

## TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. M. DAWSON..... .....*W. M.*
J. P. McDONALD.....*S. W.*
S. J. WADDELL.....*J. W.*
T. CLARKE..... ..*T.*
C. F. W. BELL.....*Sec'y.*
H. W. YUILL.....*S. D.*
R. A. DOUGLASS.....*J. D.*
J. W. MILLER.....*M.*
H. COCK.....*S. S.*
R. H. CURRIE.....*J. S.*
R. CUMMINGS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

H. McCallum.
A. C. Page, P. D. G. M.
L. J. Crowe.
W. M. Blair.
G. P. Nelson.
H. T. Lawrence.
L. B. Archibald, D. D. G. M.
W. E. Logan.
D. A. Fraser.
G. Hyde.
A. C. McKenzie.

MASTER MASONS:

Archibald, P. McG.
Archibald, C. S.
Blair, J. A.
Burris, M.
Buchanan, S.
Creelman, H.
Clish, G.
Caffrey, J.
Davison, F. A.
Holmes, D.
Irving, J. B.
Little, J.
Layton, Geo. B.
McDowell, J.
McLeod, G.
McLeod, G.
McLeod, G. M.
McCallum, W. D.
McKay, J. W.
McDonald, R.
McDonald, J. W.
Pitblado, J. McD.
Peterson, S. A.
Richardson, W.
Smith, T. B.
Smith, J. W.
Smith, M.
White, F. C.
Watson, J. W.

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## POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

### HANTSPORT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. T. FAULKNER.....*W. M.*
T. G. SUTHERLAND.....*S. W.*
R. J. McFATRIDGE.....*J. W.*
C. J. MARGESON.....*T.*
J. W. LAWRENCE.....*Sec'y.*
A. NEWCOMB.....*S. D.*
E. W. DALTON.....*J. D.*
W. SUTHERLAND.....*I. G.*
J. N. LAYTON.....*S. S.*
G. T. LYON.....*J. S.*
J. E. TOYE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Porter.
J. W. Lawrence.
W. E. Bligh.
C. J. Margeson.
W. Sutherland.
Rev. E. Whitman.

MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, J.
Barker, K. H.
Barker, G. E.
Brown, F. A.
Coalfleet, J.
Coalfleet, G. M.
Clare, C.
Davison, A.
Davison, W.
Davison, C. S.
Fielding, C. A.
Geitzler, C.
Hunter, J. H.
Lawrence, A.
Martin, M. H.
Mitchener, H.
Mitchener, A.
Mitchener, S. H.
North, J. B.
North, D. E.
Shaw, R.
Smith, J. T.
Toye, J. A.
Toye, W.

# TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.

## LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

R. McNEIL.....*W. M.*
W. McLELLAN.....*S. W.*
W. CAMPBELL.....*J. W.*
A. McPHERSON... .....*T.*
G. KEIGAN... ..... .....*Sec'y.*
J. R. BLACKETT.....*S. D.*
W. D. WILSON.....*J. D.*
W. McKAY ..... ..... .....*I. G.*
J. MUNROE.....*S. S.*
J. FERGUSON.....*J. S.*
A. McKEIGAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. G. McKay ,M. D.
W. A. McKeen.
A. McPherson.
J. H. D. Gray.
W. McKay, M. D.
D. McVicar.
W. McLay,
J. C. Mitchell.
W. Campbell.
A. McQuarrie.
J. R. Blackett.

MASTER MASONS:

Adamson, J.
Blackett, C. W.
Braun, W.
Bert, F. A.
Clark, H.
Forbes, Rev. J. A.
Hillier, J. J.
Keigan, W.
Lewis, F.
Marshall, A. U.
McIsaae, N.
Morrison, A.
McKay, J. W.
Munroe, D.
McPherson, N.
McKenzie, N.
McMullan, D.
McKenzie, D. H.
McKenzie, P.
McDonald, D.
McAulay, D.
Routledge, T.
Phillips, J. B.
Wilton, J.

## SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

### PORT HAWKESBURY, CAPE BRETON.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. BAIN ..... *W. M.*
J. A. CAMPBELL ..... *S. W.*
A. McINTOSH ..... *J. W.*
W. DUFF ..... *T.*
N. MARTIN ..... *Sec'y.*
P. J. BAILLEUL ..... *S. D.*
J. McPHEE ..... *J. D.*
J. CALDER ..... *M.*
J. McDONALD ..... *S. S.*
W. R. MORRISON ..... *J. S.*
F. H. BLANCHARD ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Duff.
Peter Grant.

MASTER MASONS:

Cameron, D.
Embree, H. W.
Grant, W. P.
McPhee, A.
Rieckhaff, C.
McIntosh, A.
Philpot, A.

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## PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

### BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December, 11, 1868.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

# WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

## RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered Sept 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. MORRISON.....*W. M.*
J. VANAMBURGH..... .....*S. W.*
T. McELMON.....*J. W.*
H. N. FILLMORE.....*T.*
F. W. PATTEN.....*Sec'y.*
A. MORRING..... .*S. D.*
T. HIGGS..... .....*J. D.*
T. HARRISON.....*M.*
R. L. BLACK.....*S. S.*
J. C. PHILLIPS.....*J. S.*
W. McKAY..... ....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Power.
R. L. Black, J. G. W.
J. C. Phillips.
I. W. Snow.
F. W. Patten.
W. Colburn.
H. N. Fillmore.
W. McKay.

MASTER MASONS:

Dimock, D. W.
Donkin, L. B.
Hyatt, J. R.
Johnstone, J. W.
Morton, Rev. A. D.
Jackson, A.
McPherson, A.

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# ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

## HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.

# WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

## WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December, 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| C. L. SULLIVAN | *W. M.* | H. MATHESON | *S. D.* |
| A. W. H. McLEOD | *S. W.* | W. C. G. BROWN | *J. D.* |
| D. McGREGOR | *J. W.* | E. BURROWS | *M.* |
| J. JOHNSTON | *T.* | J. CONAN | *S. S.* |
| J. H. REID | *Sec'y.* | D. K. McDONALD | *J. S.* |

J. ROY ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

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| T. Johnston. | J. Wilkes. |
| Alexander Lorimer. | J. Roy, Jr. |
| R. Gray. | G. Saunders. |
| W. Gray. | A. W. McLeod. |
| J. McDougald. | D. Munro. |
| J. Johnston. | M. Connors. |
| D. Carruthers. | R. Fraser. |

MASTER MASONS:

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| Brown, J. | Harris, H. | McKay, A. |
| Beaton, N. | Harris, J. | McKay, A., Jun. |
| McBean, A. W. | Lorimer, W., Senr. | McKenzie, G. W., Jun. |
| Conn, R. | Livingston, J. | McLeod, D. D. |
| Crawford, J. | Lorimer, A. | McLellan, J. J. |
| Chappell, J. | Lorimer, W., Junr. | McLean, D. |
| Crawford, G. | Lawther, T. | Ormstrong, D. |
| Conn, W. | Morrison, N. | Oxenham, J. |
| Conn, J. | Murkland, W. | Quick, J. C. |
| Crozier, J. | Murray, D. | Rundle, W. W. |
| Cameron, A. | Matheson, J. | Roy, W. |
| Cameron, H. | Munro, C. H. | Redpath, J. B. |
| Culton, S. | Maddin, W. | Roy, H. |
| Duff, J. J. | McDonald, R. A. | Stafford, W. |
| Dobson, T. | McDonald. D. P. | Sutherland, J. W. |
| Evans, J. | McDonald, W. C. | Stewart, J. |
| Fraser, H. | McDonald, J. W. | White, R. |
| Gray, J. | McDonald, D. F. | White J. |
| Gray, T. | McDonald, A. F. | Wier, W. |
| Gendall, R. | McDonald, J. | Walters, E. |
| Glenn, A. | McGillvray, A. | Wilkes, J. |
| Hattie, A. | McIsaac, A. | |

# EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

## DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. H. AUSTEN.....*W. M.*
H. H. HARRISON.....*S. W.*
G. W. ROOME.....*J. W.*
J. B. COLEMAN.....*T.*
C. P. ELLIOT.....*Sec'y.*
W. H. STERNS.....*S. D.*
N. F. CUNNINGHAM.....*J. D.*
J. E. STERNS.....*M.*
C. McNAB.....*S. S.*
W. COATES.....*J. S.*
J. R. PATTERSON.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. B. Coleman.
J. R. Glendinning.
J. W. Graham.
W. Pearce.
C. H. Gladwin.
G. A. Green.
J. Halliday,
A. McKay.
J. Simmonds.
J. White.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, J.
Baker, T. N.
Brown, H.
Crook, A. T.
Champion, J.
Cameron, W. G.
Campbell, C.
Goff, P.
Hall, J. H.
Hefler, L.
Hosking, S.
Isnor, W. H.
Lehan, R. N.
Moland, P.
Moreash, T. E.
Marks, A.
Montague, G.
Marks, J.
McDonald, J.
MQuarrie, G.
Nickerson, J. R.
Robertson, W.
Ross, J.
Thomas, R.
Richards, J.
Seaton, J. W.
Stevens, W. H.
Tregedgeon, J.
Williams, W.
Whidden, W. C.
Walker, W. H.
Young, J. H.

# HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

## AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

### OFFICERS:

W. K. BENNETT.....*W. M.*
H. S. JACQUES.....*S. W.*
C. W. SHAFFNER.....*J. W.*
T. H. HARRIS.....*T.*
H. E. JEFFERSON.....*Sec'y.*
A. C. VanBUSKIRK.....*S. D.*
I. BEZANSON.....*J. D.*
A. WOODWORTH.....*M.*
J. H. WHITE .....*S. S.*
C. B. PELTON .....*J. S.*
R. E. DAVIDSON.....*Tyler.*

### PAST MASTERS:

D. Barteaux.
D. E. Davidson.
Rev. R. Avery, P. D. G. M.
T. R. Harris, P. S. G. W.
H. E. Jefferson.
W. R. L. Foster.
A. C. VanBuskirk.
H. J. Chute.
A. E. Ewing.

### MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, J. H.
Bennett, C. E.
Balcom, P. N.
Bent, D.
Brown, W.
Burns, A.
Bezanson, B.
Bezanson, G.
Chute, S. P.
Crocker, A.
Clark, F. A.
Dodge, J. W.
Dodge, S. J.
Eaton, C. E.
Eaton, G. W.
Elliot, J. B.
Finlay, H.
Foster, M. C.
Gargeson, T.
Graves, E. F.
Harris, G.
Harris, J.
Lee, A.
Mack, T. G.
Margeson, T.
Marshall, E. B.
McMaster, J.
McGregor, G.
McIntyre, W.
McKay, D.
Palmer, J.
Palmer, G.
Phinney, J. L.
Rockwell, J. G
Russell, W.
Sanford, G. W.
Saunders, W. E.
Smith, G.
Swindle, S.
Turner, J.
Williamson, C.

# HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

## GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. SINCLAIR.....*W. M.*
D. CAMERON.....*S. W.*
J. McLEAN.....*J. W.*
N. McLEAN.....*T.*
J. WILLIAMS.....*Sec'y.*
N. McEACHREN.....*S. D.*
M. CAMERON.....*J. D.*
J. ROSS.....*M.*
J. W. BRIGHT.....*S. S.*
M. SINCLAIR.....*J. S.*
A. WILLIAMS.....*Tyler.*

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# KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

## DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. C. CANN.....*W. M.*
D. J. LONGSTAFF.....*S. W.*
G. A. VIETS.....*J. W.*
J. DALEY.....*T.*
J. F. SAUNDERS.....*Sec'y.*
R. G. MONROE.....*S. D.*
C. R. BARR.....*J. D.*
R. P. SAUNDERS.....*M.*
R. MOREHOUSE.....*S. S.*
C. M. DORSEY.....*J. S.*
E. C DODGE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Stewart
J. Daley.
G. P. Burton.
T. C. Schreve.
G. A. Viets.
J. F. Saunders.
R. G. Monroe.

MASTER MASONS:

Beatie, S.
Brown, J.
Cowan J.
Debalinhard, W. C.
Everett, E.
Gilliland, J. C.
Holdsworth, W. B.
Johnson. H. A.
Keen, J. M.
Kiley, C.
McLeod. J. H.
Saunders, Rev. J. H.

## MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

### COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. McAULAY.....*W. M.*
C. E. REES.....*S. W.*
S. E. LANDRY.....*J. W.*
C. CARMICHAEL.....*T.*
L. G. SPENCER.....*Sec'y.*
H. WILLIAMS.....*S. D.*
J. FERGUSON.....*J. D.*
R. A. H. McKEEN.....*M.*
A. KENNEDY.....*S. S.*
M. McAULAY.....*J. S.*

PAST MASTERS:

L. Johnstone, M. D.
C. Archibald.
A. Belloni.
F. R. Anthony.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, W. W.
Bissett, J. D.
Campbell, H.
Dodd, M.
Lockyer, W. J.
Peters, S. E.
Rury, J. M.
Walker, G.

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## HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

### NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE CO.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

L. PERRY.....*W. M.*
G. B. SWAIN.....*S. W.*
H. C. KELLEY.....*J. W.*
N. SWAINE, Sr.....*T.*
G. A. BRUNT.....*Sec'y.*
J. D. DENSMORE.....*S. D.*
A. McLEAN.....*J. D.*
C. H. SWAINE.....*I. G.*
T. HAGAR.....*S. S.*
H. NICKERSON.....*J. S.*
R. McLEAN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

N. Swaine.
G. H. Brunt

MASTER MASONS:

Greenwood, C.
Greenwood, E.
Nickerson, Z.
Perry, A. D.
Swaine, H.
Perry, A. H.
Swaine, S.

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## TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

### PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH CO.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. A. CRITTENDEN ..... *W. M.*
J. J. CRITTENDEN ..... *S. W.*
J. GRANT..... *J. W.*
J. PEEPLES..... *T.*
A. H. McDONALD..... *Sec'y.*
W. H. WYLDE..... *S. D.*
J. H. CARR ..... *J. D.*
—— —— ..... *M.*
J. FRASER..... *S. S.*
E. VIGNEAU ..... *J. S.*
A. REEVES..... ..... *Tyler.*

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## KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

### KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. F. COCHRAN. ..... *W. M.*
H. B. WEBSTER... ..... *S. W.*
W. D. REID ..... *J. W.*
H. W. LYDIARD..... *T.*
H. A. PRAT..... ..... *Sec'y.*
H. S. DODGE..... *S. D.*
T. W. COX ..... ..... *J. D.*
L. DeV. CHIPMAN ..... *I. G.*
S. KILLAM..... ..... *S. S.*
F. W. CHIPMAN ..... *J. S.*
J. CAMPBELL..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. R. Sangster,
J. P. Chipman.
R. S. Masters.
L. DeV. Chipman.
W. Grierson.
C. F. Cochran, S. G. D.
W. H. Chipman.
W. M. Carruthers.
J. E. Mulloney.

MASTER MASONS:

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| Blanchard, G. F. | Forsyth, G. | Smith, T. T. Vernon. |
| Bishop, W. L. | Griffin, E. | Smith, P. |
| Chipman, R. | Garrett, H. | Starr, J. C. |
| Campbell, R. G. | Harrington, W. | Wiggins, G. |
| Campbell, M. S. | Lockwood, G. S. | Wallace, D. |
| Davidson, D. B. | Manning, H. P. | Wood, A. |
| Dodge, C. L. | McLeod, J. S. | Webster, B. |
| Edwards, J. | Ross, W. J. | Woodworth, D. B |
| Eaton, W. P. | Ross, E. J. | Yould, W. |

## MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

### NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

Consolidated with Albion Lodge, No. 5, August 27, 1871.

## LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

### PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG CO.

Charter surrendered June, 1874.

## CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

### CHESTER, LUNENBURG CO.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| W. G. LAVERS..... ..... ...*W. M.* | H. STANFORD..... .....*S. D.* |
| C. BOND.....*S. W.* | A. MILLET ..... ..... .. ...*J. D.* |
| H. COLE.....*J. W.* | D. EVANS.....*M.* |
| C. LOVETT..... .....*T.* | C. E. MILLETT.....*S. S.* |
| A. J. A. FEADER.....*Sec'y.* | T. GORMAND ..... ..... .....*J. S* |

A. EVANS.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. J. Hiltz W. Lavers.
W. Smith.

MASTER MASONS:

Church, W.
Windrow, G. H.
Vaughan, W.
Lantz, W.
Johnson, R.
Hubley, J.
Hubley, H.
Graves, C.
Vaughan, G.
Pierce, B.
Corkum, D.
Spencer, W.
Smith, E. C.
Cooney, P.
Meister, C.

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## TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

### LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. G. LOCKE.....*W. M.*
D. PETERSON.....*S. W.*
C. RINGER.....*J. W.*
L. C. JOHNSTON.....*T.*
J. E. RICHARDSON.....*Sec'y.*
L. McDONALD.....*S. D.*
W. McMILLAN.....*J. D.*
—— ——.....*M.*
A. DAY.....*S. S.*
S. HARLOW.....*J. S.*
W. JONES.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Johnston. L. McDonald.
M. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Allan, S. G.
Allen, J. G.
Banks, A. G.
Cronan, D.
Chadsey, J. B.
Capstick, E. A.
Copeland, T.
Craig, A.
Dexter, J.
Firth, J.
Harding, E. J.
Hadley, G.
Hiltz, G.
Hiltz, J. C.
Hiltz, A.
Harrington, E. W.
Locke, G. J.
Locke, S.
Lloyd, J.
McGowan, J. A.
McGinn, J.
McKay, C. F.
McAdams, D.
Madgwick, J.
Peters, P. R.
Purney, R.
Payzant, F.
Payzant, N.
Parrey, H. N.
Stephenson, R.
Stalker, G.
Stephens, H.
Swain, J. F.
Williams, T.
Young, J.

# CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

## GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

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| REV. T. B. LAYTON | *W. M.* | M. COOKE | *S. D.* |
| J. A. CROSSMAN | *S. W.* | J. A. FRASER | *J. D.* |
| C. L. NELSON | *J. W.* | —— —— | *I. G.* |
| R. McLEOD | *T.* | G. LEAVITT | *S. S.* |
| D. F. LAYTON | *Sec'y.* | M. McDONALD | *J. S.* |

J. A. HILL.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. Peppard, M. D.
S. Lindsay.
G. Leavitt.
A. Flemming.
D. F. Layton.
J. A. Hill.
J. M. Spencer.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, Rev. J. J.
Corbett, A. D.
Coldwell, G. O.
Fountain, A.
Fulton, A. S. D.
Fulmore, F.
Goodwin, G.
Johnson, A. B.
Lewis, G.
Lewis, G. W.
Mahon, J. A.
McKenzie, T. F.
McKenzie, H. F.
McCabe, W. A.
McDougall, A. R.
McLean, G.
McLaughlin, S. A.
Morrison, J. B.
Morrison, D. F.
Morrill, H.
Purdy, T. W.
Peppard, J. G.
Spencer, D. V.
Spencer, J. M.
Stephens, T.
Starratt, J. J.
Smith, T. T.
Webster, R.
Zwicker, G.

## RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

### ARICHAT, C. B.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5th, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. R. THOMSON.....*W. M.*
J. G. CLOUGH.....*S. W.*
W. LEVESCONTE.....*J. W.*
E. E. BINET.....*T.*
P. GRUCHY.....*Sec'y.*
J. V. SHAW.....*S. D.*
P. W. GRUCHY.....*J. S.*
F. McPHERSON.....*M.*
H. J FIXOTT, M. D.....*S. S.*
P. BOSDET.....*J. S.*
A. McDONALD.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. R, Cutler.
J. G. Clough.
P. Campbell.
G. J. Andrew.

MASTER MASONS:

Fixott, H. C.
Rindress, J. H.
Murphy, M. J.
Finlayson, D.
Morrison, J.
Kuster, J.
McKay, J, D.
McCush, A. J.

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## FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

### FREEPORT, DIGBY CO.

Charter forfeited by resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1879.

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## SIRCOM LODGE, No 66.

### WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June, 24, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

E. SWAYNE.....*W. M.*
A. A. MUNRO.....*S. W.*
J. McPHAIL.....*J. W.*
P. A. McLEAN.....*M.*
L. J. HART.....*Sec'y*
J. N. McDONALD.....*S. D.*
J. McKINNON.....*J. W.*
R. A. FINLAYSON.....*I. G.*
G. McKENZIE.....*S. S.*
H. McLEAN.....*J. S.*
T. AUSTEN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

P. A. McLean.
L. J. Hart.
G. McKenzie.
N. McAulay.

MASTER MASONS:

McIntosh, J.
McPhail, A.
Hart, J. S.
McDonald, W.
McLean, N.
McKinnon, D.
Cameron, J. D.
McDonald, H.
McIvor, M.
Chisholm, H.
McQuian, D. J.
McLennan, D.
Smith, J. D.

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## MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

### PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. JENKS ..... *W. M.*
W. W. CUNNABELL ..... *S. W.*
R. LIVINGSTONE ..... *J. W.*
W. J. GIBSON ..... *T.*
J. H. DAVIS ..... *Sec'y.*
J. A. McDONALD ..... *S. D.*
J. LAYTON ..... *J. D.*
D. MASON ..... *I. G.*
J. G. CALKIN ..... *S. S.*
W. W. PRIDE ..... *J. S.*
J. E. DEAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. S. Townshend, M. D.
W. J. Gibson.
W. D. McKenzie, M. D.
J. Balcam.
J. L. Corbett.
W. Cole.

MASTER MASONS:

Boles, H. W.
Cameron, J. W.
Corbett, A. L.
Crane, J.
Durant, W. F.
Davison, A.
Davison, F.
Hatfield, J.
Huntley, R.
Howard, C.
Jones, W. F.
Knowlton, S.
Moore, W.
Morris, L.
Mason, D.
Roberts, V. B.
Robinson, W.
Smith, D. A.
Theal, W. Y.
Tucker, R. E.

# CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

## HOPEWELL, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. ORMESTON.....*W. M.*
D. McLEOD.....*S. W.*
D. H. FRASER.....*J. W.*
D. FRASER.....*T.*
H. GRAY.....*Sec'y.*
T. McDONALD.....*S. D.*
D. H. McLEAN.....*J. D.*
A. McLEAN.....*M.*
J. M. DUNBAR.....*S. S.*
A. GRANT.....*J. S.*
T. H. MUNRO.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. F. McDonald, M. D., P. J. G. W.
D H. Fraser.
T. McDonald.
A. Ormiston.
A. McN. Grant.
D. Fraser.
D. H. McLean.

MASTER MASONS:

Alexander, W.
Creelman, W. A.
Cameron, D. A.
Fraser, J.
Fraser, I.
Fraser, A.
Gray, F.
Grant, P. J.
Knight, J. L.
McIntosh, A. D.
McIntosh, J.
McLean, H.
McQuarrie, C.
McDonald, D.
McDonald, D. A.
McDonald, P.
McLeod, T.
McKay, T.
Sutherland, R.

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# CHARITY LODGE, No. 69.

## MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG CO.

Dispensation Granted December 22, 1874. Chartered March, 1877.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. M. RUHLAND.....*W. M.*
J. HOLMAN.....*S. W.*
J. BAGGETT.....*J. W.*
C. GRAY.....*T.*
J. HAM.....*Sec'y.*
S. BURGOYNE.....*S. D.*
B. HAM.....*J. D.*
C. A. ZWICKER.....*I. G.*
J. W. MILLS.....*S. S.*
P. A. NELSON.....*J. S.*
J. REEVES.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

S. Burgoyne.
J. W. West.
C. Gray, M. D.
J. W. Mills.
Z. M. Heyson.

MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, J.
Dauphinee, S.
Ernst, C.
Heyson, M. Z.
Heyson, E. B.
Heyson, A.
Hiltz, J.
Hiltz, N.
Hiltz A.
Hiltz, E.
Langille, J.
McDonald, D. S.
Nichol, T. G.
Nicholas. T. Y.
Nelson, P. A.
Strum, E.
Strum, L.
Slaughenwhite, G. A.
Wentzell, J.
Wade, W. Z.
Winters, J. A.

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## LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.

### SPRING HILL CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. H. COOPER.....*W. M.*
A. C. McKINNON.....*S. W.*
D. S. ROSS.....*J. W.*
H. SWIFT.....*T.*
A. A. McKINNON.....*Sec'y.*
A. J. MUNROE.....*S. D.*
W. FRASER.....*J. D.*
M. MORRISON.....*I. G.*
J. SEATON.....*S. S.*
R. RILEY.....*J. S.*
H. SUTHERLAND.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cove, M. D.
H. Swift.
S. D. Fraser.
A. J. Munroe.
C. B. Hewson.

MASTER MASONS:

Bent, E. A.
Boss, H. S.
Conway, W.
Cameron, A.
Dixon, W. H.
Fraser, Simon.
Fraser, J. J.
McKay. A.
McDonald, D.
McDonald, J. B.
Riley, J.
Ryan, W. T.
Sancton. W. A.
Stewart, A. C.

# GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.

## NEW CALEDONIA, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

J. R. WINCHESTER.....*W. M.*
G. CALNECK.....*S. W.*
A. L. BATH.....*J. W.*
W. ARMSTRONG.....*T.*
W. WILLETT.....*Sec'y.*
A. D. MILLS.....*S. D.*
H. M. IRVINE.....*J. D.*
G. SHAFNER.....*I. G.*
W. GRAY.....*S. S.*
J. CLARKE.....*J. S.*
R. BLAIR.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Willett.
W. Armstrong.
A. D. Mills.
J. R. Winchester.

MASTER MASONS:

Greatorix, F. P.
Bogart, E.
Harris, D.
Mills, J. B.
McCormick, C.
Troop, W. B.
Parker, W. A.
W. A. Pigott.
Wade, A. W.
Covert, W.
Walker, J. W.
Healy, J. R.
Bath, J.

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# EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.

## GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

OFFICERS:

G. Y. GRANT.....*W. M.*
R. H. MORRISON.....*S. W.*
W. WHITMAN.....*J. W.*
G. W. SCOTT.....*T.*
L. E. HART.....*Sec'y.*
D. J. WILLIAMS.....*S. D.*
J. J. SANGSTER.....*J. D.*
A. MAGUIRE.....*I. G.*
M. C. SCOTT.....*S. S.*
J. HALL.....*J. S.*
C. HANSEN.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

R. A. Tremain.
G. W. Scott.
A. Maguire.
W. S. Peart.
A. Walsh.
J. S. Hutcheson.
M. C. Scott.
L. E. Hart.

MASTER MASONS:

Atwater, S. J.
Atwater, C. J.
Atwater, J. J.
Banynon, R. W.
Brown, W.
Dickenson, S. S.
Fenn, S. H.
Feltmate, O. N.
Graham, D.
Hughes, R. J.
Harrigan, J.
Horton, W. S.
Kirby, J. W.
Lathem, C.
Marshall, C. J.
Myers, W. D.
Nash, W. W.
Peart, E. C.
Roberts, T. C.
Roberts, A.
Scott, G. F.
Sutherland, J.
Wilson, J.
Webber, W. G.
Whitman, J.

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## IONIC LODGE, No. 73.

### LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

N. G. CHARLTON..... *W. M.*
J. H. CHARLTON..... *S. W.*
W. W DODGE..... *J. W.*
D. WHITMAN..... *T.*
T. R. ILSLEY..... *Sec'y.*
A. P. DODGE..... *S. D.*
W. J. WHITMAN..... *J. D.*
W. FITZRANDOLPH ..... *M.*
D. FEINDELL..... *S. S.*
E. J. MILLER..... *J. S*
A. STEPHENSON..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

F. Leavitt.
W. Roach.
T. R. Ilsley.
D. Feindel.

MASTER MASONS:

Finity, M.
Wilkens, A.
Whitman, I. L.
Merry, W. H.
Weaver, J. H.
Bowlbey, I.
Reigh, F.
Armstrong, G.
Marshall, A.
Weaver, R. D.
Stone, A. W.
Woodbury, J.
Parkes, A.
Parkes, H.
Barteaux, A. B.
Smith, J. H.
Phinney, N. H.

# NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.

## ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875. Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. A. LOGAN.....*W. M.*
W. HUTCHINSON.....*S. W.*
M. DOCHERTY.....*J. W.*
J. ESAU.....*T.*
J. FORMAN.....*Sec'y.*
R. C. R. STEVENS.....*S. D.*
W. SMITH.....*J. D.*
J. R. MAXWELL.....*M.*
D. FERGUSON.....*S. S.*
J. PERRIE.....*J. S.*
H. PEARCE.....*Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

I. D. Cook.
J. Kerr, M. D.
J. Byrant.
A. Dewar.
J. W. Macdonald, M. D.

MASTER MASONS:

Atkins, T. E.
Brown, R.
Bryant, N.
Cocks, J. H.
Choak, R.
Christie, J. B.
Cockell, J.
Delay, T.
Daniels, W.
Davis, W.
Davey, J.
Ellis, S. C., M. D.
Hoskins, S.
Hazelhurst, A.
Jones, S.
Langdon, R.
Mavey, J.
McKinnon, A.
Macdonald, W. C.
McLellan, H. B.
Nelson, R.
Philips, D.
Ralston, J. G.
Rutherford, T.
Redmond, J. D.
Stephens, T.
Stevens, J. B.
Spencer, J. C.
Thomas, B.
Truscott, J.
Urquhart, J.
Yuill, S. B.

## WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.

### OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted October 19, 1877. Chartered June 6, 1878.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS OF CADH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. H. TREEN | *W. M.* | A. J. HINGLEY | *S. D.* |
| W. DUNSMORE | *S. W.* | A. S. McINTOSH | *J. D.* |
| W. SMITH | *J. W.* | H. S. SMITH | *I. G.* |
| J. ROBB | *T.* | A. B. COLBURN | *S. S.* |
| W. OXLEY | *Sec'y.* | —— —— | *J. S.* |

G. L. PURDY.... ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

| | |
|---|---|
| I. J. Hingley. | J. Robb. |
| W. Oxley. | A. B. Colburn. |
| H. S. Smith. | T. H. Patten. |

MASTER MASONS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Archibald, E. | McIntosh, H. | Reid, J. |
| Doyle, J. | McIntosh, H. | Schurman, C. |
| Hendley, J. M. | McCulloch, J. W. | Thompson, A. B. |
| McDougall, J. C. | Mattinson, I. | Wood, J. W. |

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## WALLACE LODGE, No. 76.

### WALLACE, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted October 24, 1879. Chartered June 2, 1880.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. L. McKIM | *W. M.* | P. P. PEERS | *S. D.* |
| F. BATTYE | *S. W.* | R. BLAIR | *J. D.* |
| J. H. STEVENS | *J. W.* | H. W. CRAWFORD | *I. G.* |
| J. D. MUNRO | *T.* | J. H. LANTZ | *S. S.* |
| J. T. CHAMBERS | *Sec'y.* | H. MacNAB | *J. S.* |

J. T. CAMPBELL..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. McKim.
J. D. Monroe.
A. M. Peers.
J. A. Seaman.

MASTER MASONS:

Archibald, A.
Bent, W. W.
Baillie, J. M.
Crawford, H. W.
Cooper, G. C.
Dotten, A. B. C.
Harrison, W.
Harrison, E.
Heustis, S. O.
Kent, G. L.
McLellan, B.
McKay, Z. A.
Nicholson, M.
Peers, A. M.
Steele, J. A.
Wood, D.

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## HUDSON LODGE, No. 77.

### VALE COLLIERY, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation May 15, 1881. Chartered June 7, 1882.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS:

R. W. McDONALD ..... *W. M.*
H. McKINNON ..... *S. W.*
R. MURRAY ..... *J. W.*
J. GREENER ..... *T.*
A. SLEIGH ..... *Sec'y.*
A. W. REID ..... *S. D.*
N. W. CAMPBELL ..... *J. D.*
P. McMILLIAN ..... *I. G.*
D. CAMERON ..... *S. S.*
W. WEIR ..... *J. S.*
M. McMILLIAN ..... *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Greener.
D. Cameron.
A. Sleigh.

MASTER MASONS:

McKinnon, A.
McQuarrie, G. A.
McPherson, E.
Appleton, G. M,
Chapman, A.

# PHILADELPHIA LODGE, U. D.

## BARRINGTON.

Dispensation granted March 10, 1884.

OFFICERS:

J. N. BANKS.....*W. M.*
E. S. GOUDY.....*S. W.*
J. LYONS.....*J. W.*
J. P. TREFRY.....*T.*
R. R. HOGG.....*Sec'y.*
W. B. HOPKINS.....*S. D.*
U. H. LYONS.....*J. D.*
S. NICKERSON.....*M.*
O. TAYLOR.....*S. S.*
C. GOREHAM.....*J. S.*
S. MALONE.....*Tyler.*

# MASONIC DISTRICTS.

## FIRST DISTRICT, HALIFAX CO.

*R. W.* J. W. RUHLAND, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's | 1 | Halifax. |
| St. John's | 2 | " |
| Virgin | 3 | " |
| Royal Sussex | 6 | " |
| Burns | 10 | " |
| Acadia | 14 | " |
| Athole | 15 | " |
| Keith | 17 | " |
| Union | 18 | " |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 38 | " |
| Eastern Star | 51 | Dartmouth. |
| Eureka | 42 | Sheet Harbor. |

## SECOND DISTRICT, HANTS AND KING'S CO'S.

*R. W.* J. B. BLACK, M. D., Windsor, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Welsford | 26 | Windsor. |
| Poyntz | 44 | Hantsport. |
| St. George's | 20 | Wolfville. |
| Scotia | 28 | Canning. |
| Kentville | 58 | Kentville. |
| Harmony | 52 | Aylesford. |

## THIRD DISTRICT, ANNAPOLIS AND DIGBY CO'S.

*R. W.* A. ROBINSON, M. D., Annapolis, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Ionic | 73 | Middleton. |
| Rothsay | 41 | Bridgetown. |
| Annapolis | 33 | Annapolis. |
| Granville | 71 | New Caledonia. |
| King Solomon | 54 | Digby. |
| Keith | 16 | Bear River. |
| Westport | 25 | Brier Island. |

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## FOURTH DISTRICT, YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE CO'S.

*R. W.* T. B. CROSBY, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Hiram | 12 | Yarmouth. |
| Scotia | 31 | " |
| Albert | 30 | Shelburne. |
| Concord | 24 | Cape Island. |
| Harmony | 56 | North-East Harbor. |
| Taylor | 62 | Lockeport. |
| Philadelphia | U. D | Barrington. |

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## FIFTH DISTRICT, QUEEN'S AND LUNENBURG CO'S.

*R. W.* HENRY S. JOST, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Zetland | 9 | Liverpool. |
| Prince of Wales | 29 | Milton. |
| Unity | 4 | Lunenburg. |
| Acacia | 39 | Bridgewater |
| Clarke | 61 | Chester. |
| Charity | 69 | Mahone Bay. |

## SIXTH DISTRICT, CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER CO'S.

*R. W.* LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, Truro, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Acacia | 8 | Amherst. |
| Laurie | 70 | Spring Hill. |
| Minas | 67 | Parrsboro. |
| Widow's Son | 48 | River Philip. |
| Wimburn | 75 | Oxford. |
| Acadia | 13 | Pugwash. |
| Wallace | 76 | Wallace. |
| Corinthian | 63 | Great Village. |
| North Star | 74 | Acadia Iron Mines. |
| Truro | 43 | Truro. |

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## SEVENTH DISTRICT, PICTOU AND ANTIGONISH CO'S.

*R. W.* HECTOR SUTHERLAND, New Glasgow, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| New Caledonia | 11 | Pictou. |
| Albion | 5 | New Glasgow. |
| Hudson | 77 | Vale Colliery. |
| Keith | 23 | Stellarton. |
| Western Star | 50 | Westville. |
| Curren | 68 | Hopewell. |

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## EIGHTH DISTRICT, GUYSBORO' AND RICHMOND CO'S.

*R. W.* W. D. R. CAMERON, Sherbrooke, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Eldorado | 32 | Wine Harbor. |
| Queen's | 34 | Sherbrooke. |
| Hiram | 53 | Goldenville. |
| Eastern Light | 72 | Guysborough. |
| Temple | 57 | Port Mulgrave. |
| Solomon | 46 | Pt. Hawkesb'y, C.B. |
| Richmond | 64 | Arichat, C.B. |

## NINTH DISTRICT, CAPE BRETON, VICTORIA AND INVERNESS CO'S.

*R. W.* ALEX. D. McGILLVARY, M. D., Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

| *Name of Lodge.* | *No.* | *Where held.* |
|---|---|---|
| Morien | 55 | Cow Bay. |
| Thistle | 36 | " " |
| Tyrian Youth | 45 | Little Glace Bay. |
| Royal Albert | 19 | North Sydney. |
| St. Andrew's | 7 | Sydney. |
| St. Mark's | 35 | Baddeck. |
| Sircom | 66 | Whycocomagh. |

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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.—March 4th, 1884 ..... J. H. Fader.
" " " ..... W. N. Woodill.
" " " ..... J. D. M. Wallace.
Virgin, No. 3.—Nov. 26, 1883 ..... H. S. Mason.
Albion, No. 5.—May 6, 1884 ..... J. H. Fraser.
" " " ..... E. R. Baily.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.—May 1, 1884 ..... W. Shute.
Burns, No. 10.—Jan. 1884 ..... J. Layton.
" " " ..... J. Ross.
" " " ..... T. Lawson.
New Caledonia, No. 11.—Nov. 13, 1883 ..... J. J. Davis.
" " " ..... D. T. Hislop.
" " " ..... B. Rogers.
Hiram, No. 12.—May, 1884 ..... T. B. Brown.
Royal Albert, No. 19.—April 21, 1884 ..... W. A. Robertson
" " " ..... G. B. Brown.
Keith, No. 23.—May 14, 1884 ..... D. R. McKay.
Welsford, No. 26.—Jan. 9, 1884 ..... T. McDonald.
" " " ..... H. Kilcup.
" " " ..... D. McIntosh.
" " " ..... D. McPhail.
" " " ..... C. West.

Annapolis Royal, No. 33.—May 7, 1884.....G. LeCain.
" " " .....A. Sommerville.
" " " .....W. Ditmars.
Queen's, No. 34.—May, 1884.....H. Sinclair.
" " " .....J. W. McIntosh.
" " " .....W. McPherson.
" " " .....D. J. McIntosh.
Eureka, No. 42.—March 19, 1884.....W. Abriel.
" " " .....S. McQuarrie.
" " " .....E. H. Belmore.
" " " .....T. A. Parker.
" " " .....W. Mitchell.
" " " .....J. Hartling.
" " " .....C. L. Leslie.
" " " .....G. H. Josey.
" " " .....G. Smith.
Truro, No. 43.—March 4, 1884.....J. A. Archibald.
" " " .....D. Yuill.
" " " .....H. Yuill.
Western Star, No. 50.—April 22, 1884.....D. Oliver.
" " " .....P. Kerr.
Harmony, No. 56.—March 3, 1884.....G. L. Perry.
" " " .....A. M. Perry.
Temple, No. 57.—Feb. 18, 1884.....G. B. Hadley.
" " " .....M. McLean.
Corinthian, No. 63.—March 13, 1884.....G. H. Peppard.
" " " .....R. Lewis.
Sircom, No. 66.—Feb'y. 7, 1884.....K. McAskill.
" " " .....J. McAulay.
" " " .....J. W. McKenzie.
" " " .....D. McKay.
" " " .....A. Hawley.
" " " .....A. McQuien.
" " " .....M. McAulay.
" " " .....H. N. McDonald.
Curren, No. 68.—March 17, 1884.....H. B. Kendrick.
Eastern Light, No. 72.—April 17, 1884.....W. H. Peart.

# REINSTATED.

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Albion, No. 5.—Oct. 17, 1883.....A. Urquart.
" " Mar. 3, 1884.....E. S. Fraser.
" " " " .....H. J. Townshend.
" " April 1, 1884.....E. C. Dawson.
Acadia, No. 13.—May 9, 1884.....J. Robertson.
" " June 9, 1883.....M. Munroe.
Welsford, No. 26.—March 12, 1884.....G. E. Pettis.
Scotia, No. 28—Nov. 1, 1883.....S. H. Newcomb.
Albert, No. 30.—Sept. 12, 1883.....L. DeMolitor.
Rothsay, No. 41.—Feb. 7, 1884.....A. Vidito.
Western Star, No. 50.—Sept. 24, 1883.....T. Louther.
" " —April 22, 1884.....A. McIssac.
Harmony, No. 52.—Nov. 5, 1883.....J. Palmer.
Clarke, No. 61.—Sept. 13, 1883.....P. Cooney.
North Star, No. 74.—Jan. 3, 1884.....H. R. Harvey.
Wimburn, No. 75.—Sept. 14, 1883.....J. Barry.

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# MISSING.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.....J. B. Cormack.
Virgin, No. 3.....J. B. Anderson.
" " .....J. H. Anderson.
" " .....G. P. Black.
" " .....J. Hedingham.
" " .....E. Kerrison.
" " .....J. Lyle.
" " .....M. McDonald.
" " .....J. Plenty.
" " .....E. H. Sterns.
" " .....G. H. Williams.
Acacia, No. 8.....W. McKenzie.
Burns, No. 10.....G. E. Charles.
" " .....A. H. Malcom.
" " .....J. Hazlett.
" " .....M. Buchanan.
" " .....J. W. Smith.

New Caledonia, No. 11.....C. H. McLeod.
" " .....W. McGregor.
" " .....J. F. Carmichael.
" " .....C. W. McQuarrie.
Acadia, No. 14.....J. L. Blackman.
" " .....H. McLean.
Keith, No. 16.....H. Hays.
" No. 17.....W. Lynch.
" " .....A. McDonald.
Royal Albert, No. 19.....A. McInnis.
Keith, No. 23.....T. Brewis.
" " .....R. McIntosh.
" " .....J. D. Ross.
Scotia, No. 31.....C. E. Eakins.
Eldorado, No. 32.....J. Robar.
Annapolis Royal, No. 33.....A. G. Virgie.
Queen s, No. 34 .....T. A. Tate.
Eureka, No. 42.....G. Heughan.
" " .....G. O. Robinson.
Tyrian Youth, No. 45.....W. McLay.
" " .....J. McKinnon.
" " .....J. McLeod.
Harmony, No. 52.....W. McGregor.
" " .....B. Cogswell.
" " .....J. G. Charlton.
Hiram, No. 53.....J. McLean.
" " .....W. Polson.
" " .....J. Williams, Jr.
" " .....H. Cameron.
" " .....J. Walker.
" " .....L. McLean.
Harmony, No. 56 .....S. H. Greenword.
Minas, No. 67.....W. H. Townseend.
Charity, No. 69.....J. M. Power.
Ionic, No, 73.....Rev. J. Gee.

# AT REST.

Abraham N. Archibald.St. Andrew's, No. 1.....Died Nov., 1883.
John Miles Taylor.....Royal Sussex, No. 6.....Died Dec., 1883.
C. Crewe—Read.....St. Andrew's, No. 7.....Died April 5, 1884.
E. J. Putnam.....Zetland, No. 9..... .....Died June. 26, 1883.
J. Edgar..... " " .....Died Feb. 3, 1884.
H. McEwan..... .....Athole, No. 15.....Died Aug 17, 1883.
A. W. Allen..... .....Keith, No. 17.....Died Nov. 8, 1883.
G. W. Brown .....Union, No. 18.....Died
H. Thornhill..... " " .....Died
G. W. Riddle .....Scotia, No. 31.. .....Died June 23, 1883.
R. McConnell.....Annapolis Roy, No. 33...Died Dec. 3, 1883.
W. Hall.....Eureka, No. 42 .....Died Nov. 3. 1883.
G. Hamilton..... . " " .....Died Nov. 1, 1883.
E. H. Patten.....Poyntz, No. 44.....Died July, 1883.
W. Hamilton.....Western Star, No. 50....Died Sept. 4, 1883.
R. Roberts.....Harmony, No. 52.....Died Sept. 17, 1883.
H. Shaw.....Kentville, No. 58.....Died Aug. 29, 1883.
R. D. Clarke.....Clarke, No. 61 .....Died Feb. 27, 1884.
J. C. Williams .....Taylor, No. 62.....Died May 22, 1883.
W. A. Sancton.....Laurie, No. 70.....Died Feb. 5, 1884.
J. Warwick .....North Star, No 74.....Died April 20, 1883.
R. Forman..... " " .....Died June 1, 1883.

# In Memory

OF

# H. R. H. Prince Leopold,

## DUKE OF ALBANY,

Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England,

AND

Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire.

"Pallida Mors aequo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas
Regumque turres."

# In Memory

OF

# M. W. BRO. JAMES M. HOWRY,

## PAST GRAND MASTER

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI,

AND

## Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI,

Who died at Oxford, April 15, 1884.

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"In his death, a bright and shining light is extinguished."

# *In Memory*

OF

# HENRY SHAW, M. D.,

Past Master of Kentville Lodge, No. 58,

AND

Past Senior Grand Warden

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Kentville, Aug. 29, 1883.

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"'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store."

# In Memory

OF

# R. W. BRO. ROBERT D. CLARKE,

Past Master of Clarke Lodge, No. 61,

AND

Past Senior Grand Warden

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Chester, Feb. 27, 1884.

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"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."

# *In Memory*

OF

# JOHN MILES TAYLOR,

Past Master of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6,

AND

V. W. Grand Tyler

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Who died at Halifax, Dec. 18th, 1883.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."

# In Memory

OF

# CHARLES CREWE-READ,

Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7,

Who died at St. John, N. B., April 5th, 1884.

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"The chamber where the good man meets his fate,
Is privileged beyond the common walk
Of virtuous life, quite in the verge of heaven."

# *In Memory*

OF

# CHARLES E. DAVISON,

Past Master of the Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38,

Who died at Halifax, June 3rd, 1884.

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"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath,
And stars to set;—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

# RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 4TH, 1884.

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|---|---|---|
| Chartered Lodges | | 67 |
| Lodges failing to make returns | | 5 |
| Whole Number | Initiated | 197 |
| " " | Passed | 187 |
| " " | Raised | 187 |
| " " | Affiliated | 61 |
| " " | Dimitted | 120 |
| " " | Died | 22 |
| " " | Missing | 54 |
| " " | Suspended for unmasonic conduct | 0 |
| " " | Suspended for nonpayment of dues | 64 |
| " " | Reinstated | 16 |
| " " | Rejected | 28 |
| " " | Master Masons in Lodges reporting | 2907 |

## Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.

*Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's, (Halifax.)
St. John's.
Virgin.
Unity.
Albion.
Royal Sussex.
St. Andrew's, (Sydney.)
Zetland.
New Caledonia.
Hiram.
Acadia.
Keith, (Bear River.)
Union.
St. George's.
Keith, (Stellarton.)
Westport.
Welsford.
Widow's Friend.
Scotia, (Canning.)
Prince of Wales.
Annapolis Royal.
Thistle.
Cobequid.
Tyrian Youth.
Rothsay.

*Registry of Nova Scotia.*

Burns.
Athole.
Keith.
Scotia, (Halifax.)
Davies.
Albert.
Concord.
St. Mark's.
Queen's.
The Lodge of St. Mark.
Eureka.
Acacia.
Truro.
Eldorado.
Scotia, (Yarmouth.)
Royal Albert.
Solomon.
Acacia.
Poyntz.
Widow's Son.
Orient.
Western Star.
Philadelphia.
Eastern Star.
Harmony.

*Registry of Scotland.*

Athole.

# ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, JUNE, 1884.

| Number. | NAME OF LODGE. | TOWN. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Affiliated. | Dimitted. | Died. | Missing. | Suspended—unmasonic conduct. | Suspended—non-paym'nt of dues. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Members. | G. Lodge Dues. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Andrew's | Halifax | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 55 | $41.25 |
| 2 | St. John's | Halifax | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 37.50 |
| 3 | Virgin | Halifax | 7 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 45.75 |
| 4 | Unity | Lunenburg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 42 | 31.50 |
| 5 | Albion | New Glasgow | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 111 | 83.25 |
| 6 | Royal Sussex | Halifax | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 32.25 |
| 7 | St. Andrew's | Sydney | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 48.00 |
| 8 | Acacia | Amherst | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 55.50 |
| 9 | Zetland | Liverpool | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 52 | 39.00 |
| 10 | Burns | Halifax | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 101 | 75.75 |
| 11 | New Caledonia | Pictou | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 122 | 91.50 |
| 12 | Hiram | Yarmouth | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 40.50 |
| 13 | Acadia | Pugwash | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 21.00 |
| 14 | Acadia | Halifax | 12 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 59 | 44.25 |
| 15 | Athole | Halifax | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 35.25 |
| 16 | Keith | Bear River | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 38.25 |
| 17 | Keith | Halifax | 17 | 20 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 42.00 |
| 18 | Union | Halifax | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 29.25 |
| 19 | Royal Albert | Sydney | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 55 | 41.25 |
| 20 | St. George's | Wolfville | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 21.75 |
| 23 | Keith | Stellarton | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 43.50 |
| 24 | Concord | Cape Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 14.25 |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.—*Continued.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | Westport | Westport | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | $11.25 |
| 26 | Welsford | Windsor | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 52.50 |
| 28 | Scotia | Canning | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 27.75 |
| 29 | Prince of Wales | Milton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 39.00 |
| 30 | Albert | Shelburne | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 27.00 |
| 31 | Scotia | Yarmouth | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30.00 |
| 32 | Eldorado | Wine Harbor | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 20.25 |
| 33 | Annapolis Royal | Annapolis | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 34.50 |
| 34 | Queen's | Sherbrooke | 3 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 75.00 |
| 35 | St. Mark's | Baddeck, C. B | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30.00 |
| 36 | Thistle | Cow Bay, C.B | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 25.50 |
| 38 | Lodge of St. Mark | Halifax | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 53.25 |
| 39 | Acacia | Bridgewater | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 41 | Rothsay | Bridgetown | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 26.25 |
| 42 | Eureka | Sheet Harbor | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 57 | 42.75 |
| 43 | Truro | Truro | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 38.25 |
| 44 | Poyntz | Hantsport | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 28.50 |
| 45 | Tyrian Youth | Little Glace Bay | 11 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 29.25 |
| 46 | Solomon | Port Hawkesbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 14.25 |
| 48 | Widow's Son | River Philip | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 15.75 |
| 50 | Western Star | Westville | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 89 | 66.75 |
| 51 | Eastern Star | Dartmouth | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 39.00 |
| 52 | Harmony | Aylesford | 7 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 58 | 43.50 |
| 53 | Hiram | Goldenville | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 8.25 |
| 54 | King Solomon | Digby | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 19.50 |

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| 55 | Morien | Cow Bay, C. B. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 17.25 |
| 56 | Harmony | North East Harbor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 14.25 |
| 57 | Temple | Port Mulgrave | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7.50 |
| 58 | Kentville | Kentville | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 33.75 |
| 61 | Clarke | Chester | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 21.00 |
| 62 | Taylor | Lockeport | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 35.25 |
| 63 | Corinthian | Londonderry | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 32.25 |
| 64 | Richmond | Arichat, C. B. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 16.50 |
| 66 | Sircom | Whycocomagh, C. B. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 18.75 |
| 67 | Minas | Parrsborough | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 27.00 |
| 68 | Curren | Hopewell | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 23.25 |
| 69 | Charity | Mahone Bay | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 24.75 |
| 70 | Laurie | Spring Hill | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 21.00 |
| 71 | Granville | New Caledonia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 18.00 |
| 72 | Eastern Light | Guysborough | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 30.00 |
| 73 | Ionic | Middleton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 22.50 |
| 74 | North Star | Acadia Mines, Londonderry. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 34.50 |
| 75 | Wimburn | Oxford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 15.75 |
| 76 | Wallace | Wallace | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 21.75 |
| 77 | Hudson | Vale Colliery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 12.00 |
| | | | 197 | 187 | 187 | 61 | 120 | 22 | 54 | 0 | 64 | 16 | 28 | 2907 | |

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| Rhode Island | M. W. Thomas Vincent | Westerley. |
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| Texas | R. W. George H. Bringhurst | Houston. |
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## Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

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| IDAHO | R. W. William A. Hesson | Halifax. |
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| KANSAS | W. D. G. McKay | Little Glace Bay. |
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| LOUISIANA | W. J. Taylor Wood | Halifax. |
| MAINE | R. W. Lorenzo F. Darling | Halifax. |
| MARYLAND | R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore | Stellarton. |
| MANITOBA | R. W. J. F. McDonald, M.D. | Hopewell. |
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| MISSISSIPPI | W. George Hyde | Truro. |
| MISSOURI | | |
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| NEW BRUNSWICK | M. W. William Taylor | Halifax. |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | R. W. James Hudson | Stellarton. |
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| " " COSTA RICA | M. W. William Taylor | Halifax. |

## Date of Organization and Meeting of Grand Lodges.

| GRAND LODGES. | WHEN ORGANIZED. | ANNUAL COMMUNICATION. |
|---|---|---|
| Alabama | June 14, 1821 | First Monday in December. |
| Arizona | March 25, 1882 | Second Tuesday in November. |
| Arkansas | Feb. 22, 1832 | Fourth Monday in November. |
| British Columbia | Dec. 26, 1871 | Third Saturday in June. |
| California | April 18, 1850 | Second Tuesday in October. |
| Canada | Oct. 10, 1855 | Second Wednesday in July. |
| Colorado | Aug. 2, 1861 | Third Tuesday in September. |
| Colon and Cuba | | |
| Connecticut | July 8, 1789 | Third Wednesday in January. |
| Dakota | July 21, 1875 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| Delaware | June 6, 1806 | First Wednesday in October. |
| District of Columbia | Dec. 11, 1810 | Second Wednesday in November. |
| Florida | July 5, 1830 | Third Tuesday in January. |
| Georgia | Dec. 16, 1786 | Fourth Tuesday in October. |
| Idaho | Dec. 16, 1867 | Second Tuesday in September. |
| Illinois | | First Tuesday in October. |
| Indiana | Jan. 12, 1818 | Tuesday after fourth Mon. in May. |
| Indian Territory | Oct. 5, 1874 | First Tuesday in November. |
| Iowa | Jan. 8, 1844 | First Tuesday in June. |
| Kansas | Mar. 17, 1856 | Third Wednesday in February. |
| Kentucky | Oct. 1800 | Third Tuesday in October. |
| Louisiana | July, 1812 | Seeond Monday in February. |
| Maine | June, 1820 | First Tuesday in May. |
| Manitoba | May 12, 1875 | February. |
| Maryland | 1783 | Third Tuesday in November. |
| Massachusetts | 1733 | Second Wednesday in December. |
| Michigan | Sept. 14, 1844 | Fourth Tuesday in January. |
| Minnesota | Feb. 23, 1853 | Second Tuesday in January. |
| Mississippi | July 27, 1818 | Second Wednesday in February. |
| Missouri | 1821 | Second Tuesday in October. |
| Montana | Jan. 24, 1866 | First Wednesday in October. |
| Nebraska | Sep. 23, 1857 | Tues. on or im. preceding 24th June. |
| Nevada | Jan. 16, 1865 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| New Brunswick | Oct. 9, 1867 | Fourth Tuesday in April. |
| New Hampshire | July 18, 1789 | Third Wednesday in May. |
| New Jersey | Dec. 18, 1786 | Wed. after third Tues. in January. |
| New Mexico | Aug. 6, 1877 | Second Tuesday in December. |
| New York | Sept. 5, 1781 | First Tuesday in June. |
| North Carolina | Jan. 14, 1771 | Second Tuesday in January. |
| Nova Scotia | Feb. 20, 1866 | First Wednesday in June. |
| Oregon | Aug. 16, 1851 | Second Monday in June. |
| Ohio | Jan. 7, 1808 | Third Tuesday in October. |
| Pennsylvania | June 20, 1764 | 27th day of December. |
| Prince Edward Island | June 24, 1875 | 24th day of June. |
| Quebec | Oct. 20, 1869 | January. |
| Rhode Island | June 25, 1791 | Third Monday in May. |
| South Carolina | Mar. 24, 1787 | Second Tuesday in December. |
| Tennessee | Oct. 14, 1813 | Last Tuesday in January. |
| Texas | Dec. 20, 1837 | Second Tuesday in December. |
| Utah | Jan. 16, 1872 | Third Tuasday in January. |
| Vermont | Oct. 14, 1794 | Second Wednesday in June. |
| Virginia | May 6, 1777 | Second Monday in December. |
| Washington | Dec. 9, 1858 | First Wednesday in June. |
| West Virginia | April 19, 1865 | Second Tuesday in November. |
| Wisconsin | Dec. 18, 1843 | Second Tuesday in June. |
| Wyoming | Dec. 15, 1874 | Second Tuesday in November. |

# Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

## IN THE UNITED STATES.

| Grand Lodges. | Grand Masters. | Grand Secretaries. |
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| Alabama | J. H. Bankhead, Wetumpka | Daniel Sayre, Montgomery. |
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| Mississippi | R. C. Patty, Macon | J. L. Power, Jackson. |
| Missouri | L. A. Hall, St. Louis | Rev. J. D. Vincil, D. D., St. Louis. |
| Montana | H. Duncan, Sheridan | Cornelius Hedges, Helena. |
| Nebraska | S. W. Hays, Norfolk | William R. Bowen, Omaha. |
| Nevada | A. Nichols, Austin | John D. Hammond, Carson. |
| New Hampshire | J. F. Webster, Concord | George P. Cleaves, Concord. |
| New Jersey | Rev. H. Vehslage, Irvington | Joseph H. Hough, Trenton. |
| New Mexico | W. B. Childers, Albuquerque | David J. Miller, Santa Fe. |
| New York | W. A. Brodie, Geneseo | Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York. |
| North Carolina | R. Bingham, Bingham School | Donald W. Bain, Raleigh. |
| Ohio | J. M. Goodspeed, Athens | John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati. |
| Oregon | D. P. Mason, Albany | Frelon J. Babcock, Salem. |
| Pennsylvania | C. B. Day, Philadelphia | Michael Nisbet, Philadelphia. |
| Rhode Island | L. Klapp, Providence | Edwin Baker, Providence. |
| South Carolina | W. W. Humphreys, Anderson | Charles Inglesby, Charleston. |
| Tennessee | B. R. Harris, M. D., Jackson | John Frizzel, Nashville. |
| Texas | W. H. Nichols, Galveston | George H. Bringhurst, Houston. |
| Utah | J. Lowe, Salt Lake City | Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont | O. Meacham, Brandon | William H. Root, Burlington. |
| Virginia | H. W. Murray, Louisa Courthouse | William B. Isaacs, Richmond. |
| West Virginia | W. G. Bennett, Weston | Odell S. Long, Wheeling. |
| Washington Ter | L. Ankeny, Walla Walla | Thomas M. Reed, Olympia. |
| Wisconsin | O. Libbey, Green Bay | John W. Laflin, Milwaukee. |
| Wyoming | I. K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne | John H. Symons, Laramie City. |

## IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

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|---|---|---|
| British Columbia | E. C. Baker, Victoria | Edward C. Newfelder, Vancouver |
| Canada | H. Murray, Hamilton | J. J. Mason, Hamilton. |
| Manitoba | J. H. Bell, Winnipeg | William G. Scott, Winnipeg. |
| New Brunswick | J. V. Ellis, St. John | Edwin J. Wetmore, St. John. |
| Nova Scotia | Maj.-Gen. J. W. Laurie, Halifax | Benjamin Curren, Halifax. |
| Prince Edward Is. | J. Yeo, Port Hill | B. Wilson Higgs, Charlottetown. |
| Quebec | E. R. Johnson, Stanstead | John H. Isaacson, Montreal. |

## Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.—*Continued.*

### ABROAD.

| Grand Lodges. | Grand Masters. | Grand Secrtaries. |
|---|---|---|
| England | H. R. H. The Prince of Wales | Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, London. |
| Scotland | Rt. Hon. The Earl of Mar & Kellie. | D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh. |
| Ireland | His Grace, Duke of Abercorn, K.G | Sam'l B. Oldham, D.G.S., Dublin. |
| New South Wales | Hon. J. S. Farnell, Sydney | Nicholas Weeks, Sydney. |
| Victoria | Hon. G. S. Coppin, M.L.A., Melb'rne | H. W. Holloway, Melbourne. |
| South Australia | Hon. S. J. Way, Adelaide | J. H. Cunningham, Adelaide. |
| Colon and Cuba | A. Govin, Havana | Aurelio Almeida, Havana. |
| Peru | Julio F. deIriarte, Lima | J. Arturo Ego Aguirre, Lima. |
| Sweden and Norway | | D. E. Nordlange, Stockholm |
| Germany | | E. T. P. Meyerhoff, Berlin. |
| Royal York | | C. A. Bouche, Berlin. |
| Zu den drei Weltkugeln | | H. Von Schweinichen, Berlin. |
| Saxony | | F. G. Stuebler, Dresden. |
| Zur Eintracht | | H. Gessner, Darmstadt. |
| Zur Sonne | | Ludwig A. Redich, Bayreuth. |
| Eclectic Union | | Carl Paul, Frankfort on Main. |

# LIST OF PAST GRAND OFFICERS

IN 1884.

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## PAST GRAND MASTERS.

WILLIAM H. DAVIES.
STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.
J. WIMBURN LAURIE.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

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## PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

JAMES R. GRAHAM.
CHARLES J. MACDONALD.
ROBERT BRECKIN.
A. C. PAGE.
N. W. WHITE.
REV. R. AVERY.
ALFRED H. WOODILL.
JAMES HUDSON.
LEWIS JOHNSTONE.
THEODORE A. COSSMANN
REV. D. C. MOORE.
REV. F. PARTRIDGE.
D. C. FRASER.

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## PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

JOHN WOODILL.
H. C. D. TWINING.
W. A. HESSON.
B. CURREN.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.
FRASER W. DAKIN.
JAMES GOSSIP.
E. E. TUPPER.
T. R. HARRIS.
W. E. STARRATT.

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## PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY.
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.
DAVID POTTINGER.
J. F. McDONALD.
NATHAN TUPPER.
S. H. PELTON.
L. F. DARLING.
SAMUEL PORTER.
WILLIAM ROSS.

## Executive Officers of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, from its organization in 1866, to the present year.

| Year. | GRAND MASTER. | DEP. GRAND MASTER. | SENIOR G. WARDEN. | JUNIOR G. WARDEN. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND SECRETARY. | SUBSTITUTE G. MASTER. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1866 | W. H. Davies.. | W. Taylor ..... | R. J. Romans | W. Garvie..... | A. K. Mackinlay | C. J. Macdonald.. | J. R. Graham. |
| 1867 | W. H. Davies.. | S. R. Sircom .... | W. Williams. | A. Busby ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | C. J. Macdonald.. | R. Breckin. |
| 1868 | S. R. Sircom.. | A. C. Page..... | G.T. Smithers | I. Melvin ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | C. J. Macdonald.. | N. W. White. |
| 1869 | A. Keith..... | J. R. Forman.... | J. N. Ritchie. | H. J. Marshall..... | A. K. Mackinlay | H. C. D. Twining | C. J. Macdonald. |
| 1870 | A. Keith..... | W. Taylor ..... | A. H. Crowe. | S. G. Rigby ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | (This office abolished in 1869.) |
| 1871 | A. Keith..... | A. H. Crowe.... | S. G. Rigby. | S. F. Raymond ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1872 | A. Keith..... | S. G. Rigby ... | H. Shaw.... | W. T. Wilkins ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1873 | A. Keith..... | W. Taylor ..... | F. W. Dakin. | D. Pottinger ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1874 | J. W. Laurie .. | A. H. Crowe.... | Rev. R. Avery | Rev. J. B. Richardson | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1875 | J. W. Laurie .. | A. H. Crowe... | Rev. R. Avery | J. F. McDonald..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1876 | J. W. Laurie .. | A. H. Crowe.... | Rev. R. Avery | J. Hudson ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1877 | J. W. Laurie .. | Rev. R. Avery .. | A. H. Woodill | J. Hudson ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1878 | J. W. Laurie .. | A. H. Woodill.... | J. Gossip.... | N. Tupper ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1879 | J. W. Laurie .. | J. Hudson ..... | A. G. McLean | E. E. Tupper..... .. | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1880 | A. H. Crowe.. | L. Johnstone .... | E. E. Tupper | S. H. Pelton ..... | A. K. Mackinlay | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1881 | W. Taylor .... | T. A. Cossmann.. | T. R. Harris. | L. F. Darling..... | J. Dempster.... | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1882 | J. W. Laurie .. | Rev. D. C. Moore | D. C. Fraser. | S. Porter..... | J. Dempster.... | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1883 | J. W. Laurie .. | D. C. Fraser . .. | W. E. Starratt | W. Ross ..... | J. Dempster.... | B. Curren ..... | |
| 1884 | J. W. Laurie .. | W. E. Starratt .. | J. R. Green.. | R. L. Black..... | J. Dempster.... | B. Curren ..... | |

# APPENDIX No. 1.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia:*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at.....by the name and title of..... .....; and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz.:

A. B.....Worshipful Master.
C. D.....Senior Warden.
E. F.....Junior Warden.
G. H.....Treasurer.
M. N.....Secretary.
O. P.....Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....Junior Deacon.
S. T.....Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V.....} Stewards.
W. X.....}
Y. Z.....Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures *of all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

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## No. 2.

FORM *of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge:*

We, the Master, Wardens and Members of the Lodge..... .....No..... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother.....Master Mason of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of.....

[Seal.] A. D. 1885, A. L. 5885.

.....Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary.

## No. 3.

### PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge No....., R. N. S.:*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of.....Lodge, No.....under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-Laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry, as admitted among you. My age is.....years; my occupation is that of.....; my residence is.....

Witness my hand this..... .....day of.....
A. D. 188....

(Signed,) ..... .....

Recommended by
.....
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

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## No. 4.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge .....No.....R. N. S.:*

I, ..... ....., being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission to this Lodge. [I have been rejected in.....Lodge.]* I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is.....; my occupation.....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D. 188...

(Signed,) ..... .....

Witness..... .....

Recommended by
.....
..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.

* *If the candidate has never been rejected, let the pen be drawn through the words inclosed in brackets*

## No. 5.

### CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

.....Lodge, No....., R. N. S.

DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother..... is a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in..... .....Lodge, No....., Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at.....; that having expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, in the manner prescribed by Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was granted, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the..... day of.....A. D. 188...A. L. 588...

..... .....Worshipful Master.

.....Senior Warden.

.....Secretary.

[Seal.]

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergent meeting.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodge as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute book, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed at once by the Worshipful Master or officer presiding, as a proof of the fact of the acceptance of their accuracy by the brethren present.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their recep, tion and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge *for the whole year;* therefore, if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Secretary should not write

4 Diplomas, &c., &c., &c.
4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c., as is sometimes done, but
10 Diplomas, &c., &c.
10 Enrolments, &c., &c.

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *Supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith; the Secretary of the Lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John *David* Smith: but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his Lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say two or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about 50 Lodges in the early part of May, "Please send diplomas *by return mail.*"

In the return of subscribing members, be careful to give first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed;* then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M.; then all the other members alphabetically arranged. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the "Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

# DEBENTURES

## ISSUED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, IN 1875 & 1876,

### Bearing Interest at 4 per cent.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To St. Andrew's Lodge | $2600, | Annual Interest | $104 00 |
| St. John's " | 1000, | " | 40 00 |
| Virgin " | 2300, | " | 92 00 |
| Royal Sussex " | 1000, | " | 40 00 |
| Burns " | 1000, | " | 40 00 |
| Athole " | 200, | " | 8 00 |
| Keith " | 300, | " | 12 00 |
| Union " | 100, | " | 4 00 |
| Lodge of St. Mark | 200, | " | 8 00 |
| Orient Lodge | 200, | " | 8 00 |
| Eastern Star Lodge | 40, | " | 1 60 |
| Morien Lodge | 60, | " | 2 40 |
| Curren " | 20, | " | 80 |
| Royal Union Chapter | 2100, | " | 84 00 |
| St. Andrew's " | 500, | " | 20 00 |
| J. W. Laurie | 100, | " | 4 00 |
| A. K. Mackinlay | 100, | " | 4 00 |
| L. J. Bland | 100, | " | 4 00 |
| S. R. Sircom | 40, | " | 1 60 |
| W. Wilson | 40, | " | 1 60 |
| K. J. Dolphin | 40, | " | 1 60 |
| A. Fordham | 40, | " | 1 60 |
| J. Fortune | 20, | " | 80 |
| H. J. Marshall | 20, | " | 80 |
| J. J. P. Scott | 20, | " | 80 |
| C. F. Vose | 20, | " | 80 |
| Total of Debentures | $12,160. | Annual Interest | $486 40 |

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D. 1884.—A. L. 5884.

## CHAPTER I.

### OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" " " Grand Treasurer.
" " " Grand Secretary.

The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After all the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to

those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz.:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Right Worshipful | Grand | Lecturer. | |
| " | " | " | Chaplain. |
| Very | " | Senior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Junior | Grand Deacon. |
| " | " | Grand | Superintendent of Works. |
| " | " | " | Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " | Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " | Organist. |
| " | " | " | Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " | Stewards (six). |
| " | " | " | Tyler. |

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and, in their absence, proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity: and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than

twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Senior Grand Warden.
Past Senior Grand Wardens.
Junior Grand Warden.
Past Junior Grand Wardens.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Lecturer.
Grand Chaplains.
Senior Grand Deacon.
Junior Grand Deacon.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge Warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master or Warden until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively:

On Credentials and Returns.
On Constitution and Regulations.
On Grievances and Appeals.
On Finance and Audit.
On Foreign Correspondence.
On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or a Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in his opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order:—By the Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Master; Past Senior Grand Warden; Past Junior Grand Warden; the Master of the Senior Lodge Present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master, or Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft and of altering, repealing, and abrograting them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge, and to produce the charter, books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grank Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or Presiding Officer shall, without discussion. require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

Section 25. No Rule, By-Law or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

SECTION 26. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all the Grand Lodge property in the City of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected, at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no Brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother, on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but,

after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not especially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notice of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15. No motion on a new subject can be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

## CHAPTER III.

### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master. In the temporary absence of both Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master from the jurisdiction, the Junior Past Grand Master present shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any Brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished Brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand, and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

## CHAPTER IV.

### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge, during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore.*

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge; and if he hold such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

### OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into nine districts, numbered as follows:—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.
No. 2. To include the Counties of Hants and Kings.
No. 3. To include the Counties of Annapolis and Digby.
No. 4. To include the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne.
No. 5. To include the Counties of Queens and Lunenburg.
No. 6. To include the Counties of Cumberland and Colchester.
No. 7. To include the Counties of Pictou and Antigonish.
No. 8. To include the Counties of Guysboro' and Richmond.
No. 9. To include the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Inverness.

SECTION 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an

Officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the District to which he is elected, and a resident of the District.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective Districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and Officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its by-laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any Subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the District of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his District. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received

the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

SECTION 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office; and shall submit such report at least two weeks previous to the Annual Communication.

SECTION 11. District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for two years to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive, by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their place; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore.* If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master, may direct any Master or Past Master of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore.*

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1 The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

## ☞ CORRECTION :—OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

An error in Section 11, page 160, not having been noticed until after the form had gone to press, the section as adopted by Grand Lodge should read as follows :—

SECTION 11.—District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for two years to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive, by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master. (See Proceedings, page 43.)

## CHAPTER VI. Continued.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipt and disbursements before every regular communication ; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee on Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise ; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings ; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody ; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge ; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to publish in the Annual Report of proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons ; to attend the Grand Master, or

Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings; but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Commitee on Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time, as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business ; or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler, or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the Committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each Committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be Lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto, as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishmeut or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a dispensation to open a new Lodge and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct, and any candidate before being delcared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest numbers of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared eclected by acclamation.

No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

SECTION 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

SECTION 6. The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present.

SECTION 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

SECTION 8 In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the Chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees.

SECTION 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother, immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge, shall sign the by-laws thereof, and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If, in case of any accident, the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular

meetings may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge ; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the members of the Lodge, and afterwards be recorded in the minute-book ; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the first and second Degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19. No Lodge shall confer the three Degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz : For the first and second Degrees $6 each, for the third Degree $8 ; or on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Every Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appoitned for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right to appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his supension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended; but any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to the Lodge by a two-thirds vote, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of suspension, notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of installation of officers and the 20th May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master, or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand

Lodge previous to the 20th day of May in each year; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master; and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No Subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

SECTION 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the

ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a brother, except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing: nor shall any Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

SECTION 28. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 48. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodge should be within

two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge, or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be ballotted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported, and if elected he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix thereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he is in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will, of course, be the duty of the W. M. to ascertain, before he signs the dimit, that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of

such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation. The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its by-laws.

SECTION 50. The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands.

SECTION 51. In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by Grand Lodge.

## CHAPTER XV.

### OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No General Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office; and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are gold and may be described as follows:

*The Grand Master.*—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendent therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and the compasses, the sun in full glory.

*Past Grand Master.*—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°—the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The Compasses and Square united.
*Senior Grand Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Grand Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Grand Treasurer.*—A chased Key.
*Grand Secretary.*—Key and Pen crossed.
*Grand Lecturer.*—Semi-circle in a triangle.
*Grand Chaplain.*—Eradiated Eye in a triangle.
*Senior Grand Deacon.*—Mallet within a Wreath.
*Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath
*Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Corinthian Column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.
*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*—Crossed Rods with a tie.
*Grand Sword Bearer.*—Crossed Swords.

*Grand Organist.*—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.
*Grand Pursuivant.*—Crossed Baton and Sword.
*Grand Tyler.*—A Sword.
*Chairman of Stewards.*—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge Officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from collars of blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with silver. The Jewels shall be of silver, as follows:

*Master.*—The Square.

*Past Master.* The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendent within it.

*Senior Warden.*—The Level.
*Junior Warden.*—The Plumb.
*Treasurer.*—The Key.
*Secretary.*—The Crossed Pens.
*Deacons.*—The Dove encircled.
*Marshal or Inner Guard.*—Crossed Swords.
*Stewards.*—Cornucopia in a Wreath.
*Tyler.*—The Sword.

SECTION 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Master Mason.*—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.*—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging four inches, ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge:—

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| Dispensation to new Lodge | $50 00 |
| Charter to new Lodge | 30 00 |
| Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book | 1 00 |
| Diploma for each member | 1 00 |
| Annual dues for each member | 0 75 |
| Copy of Charter in case of loss | 5 00 |
| Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet | 0 50 |
| Every other sheet | 0 30 |
| Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto | 1 00 |
| Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month | 5 00 |
| Three copies of printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge, at 50 cents each | 1 50 |

## CHAPTER XVIII

### OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

ART. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shallbe solely devoted to that object. *(See Standing Regulation 16.)*

ART. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz: G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Application for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, shall receive the benefit of this Fund unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7. A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8. These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every General Communication.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ———— years, and do recommend him to the committee of Benevolence for relief.

.....*W. Master.*

[Seal.] .....*S. Warden.*

.....*J. Warden.*

[Date.] .....*Secretary.*

## CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each Subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

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### STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot. —[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alterations made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's

books, at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee, when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue deplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a brother affiliating from another Lodge *under this Jurisdiction.*—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. Repealed.—[See Proceedings 1880, page 53.]

14, *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing.—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favorable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot

has been taken; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a Dispensation or Charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced; the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October, and the 30th April in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication a correct report of receipt and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge.—[Proceedings 1878, page 60.]

23. *Resolved*, That the words "*ten miles in every direction*" in section 42, chapter 14, of the Constitution, means a radius of ten miles, the Lodge room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*, That the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their reports to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication as will enable him to place the whole Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Table, within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 5.—[Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

25. *Resolved*, That the Investigating Committee are appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the character and antecedents of the candidate for the information and guidance of the Brethren of the Lodge. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report favorably or unfavorably, according to the judgment of its members; but the report is made within the four walls of the Lodge, and no further record should be made in the Minutes than that the Investigating Committee reported. The words favorably or unfavorably should not be entered into the Minutes.—[Proceedings 1879, page 27.]

26. *Resolved*, That an application for a Dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case require immediate action.—[Proceedings 1880, page 40.]

27. *Resolved*, That, in future, Grand Lodge prevent the incorporation of its Subordinate Lodges.—[Proceedings 1880, page 46.]

28. *Resolved*, That all cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1871, page 41.]

29. *Resolved*, That a Brother holding the position of Warden of a Subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed.—[Proceedings 1881, page 43.]

30. *Resolved*, That permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes.—[Proceedings 1881, page 44.]

# REPORT

OF THE

## Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia;*

The Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:

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| Arizona | 1883 | Missouri | 1883 |
| Arkansas | 1883 | Montana | 1883 |
| British Columbia | 1883 | Nebraska | 1883 |
| California | 1883 | Nevada | 1883 |
| Canada | 1883 | New Brunswick | 1884 |
| Colorado | 1883 | New Hampshire | 1883 |
| Connecticut | 1884 | New Jersey | 1884 |
| Dakota | 1883 | New York | 1883 |
| Delaware | 1883 | North Carolina | 1884 |
| District of Columbia | 1883 | Ohio | 1883 |
| Georgia | 1883 | Oregon | 1883 |
| Idaho | 1883 | Pennsylvania | 1883 |
| Illinois | 1883 | Prince Edward Island | 1883 |
| Indian Ter | 1883 | Quebec | 1884 |
| Iowa | 1883 | Rhode Island | 1883 |
| Kansas | 1884 | South Carolina | 1883 |
| Kentucky | 1883 | Tennessee | 1884 |
| Louisiana | 1884 | Texas | 1883 |
| Manitoba | 1883 | Utah | 1884 |
| Manitoba | 1884 | Vermont | 1883 |
| Maryland | 1883 | Virginia | 1883 |
| Massachusetts | 1883 | West Virginia | 1883 |
| Michigan | 1884 | Washington Ter | 1883 |
| Minnesota | 1883 | Wisconsin | 1883 |
| Minnesota | 1884 | Wyoming | 1883 |
| Mississippi | 1884 | | |

## ARIZONA—1883.

We have a well printed report of the 2nd Annual Communication of this young and promising Grand Lodge, held Nov. 13, A. D., 1883, in the City of Tucson, M. W. Grand Master J. T. Alsap, presiding. From his address we take these extracts:

"The year just passed has been one of prosperity throughout the Jurisdiction. Our mines have poured forth their wealth, our flocks and herds have increased, and the earth has returned an abundant supply of food, and it well becomes us at this time to return thanks to the great I Am for the many blessings we have received and to supplicate the continuance of his protecting care and guidance, and especially that he may so guide our deliberations that they may redound to His glory and the good of the Fraternity.

"I am pleased to be able to say to you, at this time, that no discord or contention among the brethren, or between Lodges in the jurisdiction, has come to my knowledge. Our Lodges have been so well managed by their officers, that if any disagreements have arisen they have been promptly settled without any appeal to me as a necessity for my interference, and I congratulate the Grand Lodge upon this state of harmony, and pray for its long continuance.

"This Grand Lodge is now secure in its position among the Grand Masonic Bodies of the world. Thirty-six Grand Lodges have already recognized it as supreme within its jurisdictional limits, and with kind and fraternal words bid us onward in our mission of love and fraternity; and there is no doubt but that all the other Grand Masonic Bodies throughout the civilized world will extend to us full recognition.

"Some fears were entertained by prudent brethren, at the time of the organization of this Grand Lodge, as to whether Lodges in the Territory were able to support it financially, and I must confess that to me it was the "rock ahead" that I most dreaded. But thus far those fears have proved groundless, and it has been financially successful without any taxation upon the subordinate Lodges other than such as had been usual with them. At this date the Grand Lodge has no outstanding indebtedness, and there is a balance of $369 40 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer."

Long may the balance remain on the right side of the Ledger.

"I recommend for your careful consideration, as worthy to become a general law of the jurisdiction, the action of "King Solomon Lodge, No. 5," in striking out the affiliation fee. The unaffiliated Mason is *the* great evil of Freemasonry everywhere. I am satisfied that one-third of the Masons living within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are unaffiliated, and are thus a standing reproach and shame to the Order. For the eradication of this greatest evil I am of the

opinion that affiliation should be made as easy as possible, while from those who wilfully continue unaffiliated every privilege as a Mason should be withheld.

The proceedings of Nova Scotia, 1882-3, are acknowledged by the Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Roskruge, but Brother Goldwater flows through his Report without giving us a ripple, unless this is meant to reach us:

"Here ends our record for the year. From the thirty-six Foreign Grand Lodges known to us, we have received no communication. Out of the fifty-five American Grand Lodges, thirty-nine have sent us their Proceedings. It is barely possible that some of our sisters extended to us a welcome last year. We have no back volumes, and our predecessors have left us no report; so that if we have omitted to notice some fraternal greetings, the error has been unintentional.

"When we undertook to write this report, we had a very slight idea of the *magnitude* of the *work*. It has not been, however, an unpleasant or uninteresting task."

Magnitude of the work! 41 pages—"bide a wee" Brother Goldwater, we have had several suggestions about the *brevity* of our last which occupied 65 pages. Virginia has 98 and New York 143!

Grand Master, M. W. Alonzo Bailey, Globe, Ariz. Ter.

Grand Secretary, V. W. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Ariz. Ter.

Lodges, 5; Master Masons, 335.

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## ARKANSAS—1883.

Proceedings of 1883. Grand Master, L. H. Roots; Grand Sec'y., Fay Hempstead. No. of Lodges, 357; represented, 271.

These proceedings constitute a portly volume of 180 pages, well gotten up.

The Grand Master's address is a somewhat lengthy document, but presents no features of unusual interest. A number of decisions are given, but they include no very important matters, and are such as appear tolerably self suggesting. Few Grand Masters would probably take any other course. One line of policy we thoroughly agree with, which is the favoring of fewer and stronger Lodges, and a determination to set the face against unnecessary dispensations.

The jurisdiction appears to be well organized and officered, and the Foreign Correspondence contains a kindly notice of our G. M. and proceedings.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA—1883.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia commenced its Twelfth Annual Communication in the City of New Westminster on June 23rd, 1883.

The M. W. Grand Master, Henry Brown, presided. There were present, besides the representatives of six chartered Lodges, a fair representation of other Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master's address referred to the losses sustained to the craft within his jurisdiction, by the death of such prominent brethren as Laing, Oasterhout, S. T. Franklyn, and of Past G. W. Brown and P. G. Tyler, Hall. His official visits, decisions and installation, as well as other business of his office during the past year, were all briefly alluded to. It is gratifying to quote that "the Lodges are in a better condition than they were one year ago." The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer confirm this view.

No. of Lodges, 6; of members on the roll, 293.

The Grand Secretary, E. C. Baker, was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Alex. R. Milne was elected Grand Secretary.

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## CANADA—1883.

There were two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada 1883 to lay corner stones of Churches—one at Oakville on the 13th June, and one at Farmersville a week later.

Both celebrations passed off very successfully. On the latter occasion Acting Grand Master R. T. Walkem, Q.C., delivered a brief but excellent and appropriate address.

The 28th Annual Communication was held on Wednesday, July 11th, at Ottawa, M. W. Grand Master Daniel Spry on the Throne, with a large list of officers and representatives of Lodges in attendance. The Grand Master alluded feelingly to the death of P.G.M., W. B. Simpson, R. W. Bros. H. Turner, Thos. Matheson, Geo. L. Allen, W. T. Bray, Horace Mervill, and Samuel White. He declined to grant dispensations for opening Lodges in four cases, on the ground that "we have quite enough Lodges for all practical purposes

and that it is better to strengthen and support those now in existence than to weaken them by organizing small Lodges in every surrounding locality." He officially visited five Lodges. He recommends the recognition of the new Grand Lodges of New South Wales, Arizona and Peru, and discussed a variety of important questions which were dealt with by Grand Lodge. There is no published report on Foreign Correspondence.

No. of Lodges, 349; of members, 18,442. Receipts for the year, $18,044. Grand Master, Daniel Spry, (re-elected), Grand Secretary, J. J. Mason, (re-elected.)

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## COLORADO—1883.

The 23rd Annual Communication was held at Denver, Sept. 18, 1883, M. W. Frank Church, Grand Master, on the throne.

We note that while our genial brother, R. W. Nathan Tupper, M. D., represents Colorado, near this Grand Lodge, Nova Scotia has no representative near Colorado.

The Grand Master was happily able to say:—

"The year has been one of peace, tranquility, prosperity and happiness,. So far as I have been able to learn no Present or Past Grand officer has been called to pass beyond that bourne whence NO TRAVELLER RETURNS.

"No great pestilence, epidemic, or other calamity has visited our State. Floods and fires have raged in other lands, but have touched us slightly. In distant parts of the earth the sea has rolled back upon the land, consuming the inhabitants; and whole islands have been swallowed up by the relentless tyrant, but we have been spared. Mother Earth has not refused her accustomed yield, but has responded bountifully to the faith of the laborer, spreading his pathway with flowers and his table, with plenty; and our hearts are gladdened with the sight of our bursting granaries, our millions of shining gold, and our cattle upon a thousand hills. Fierce and relentless storms have swept over and devastated other states, while we have been fanned by gentle breezes, laden with fragrance and life-giving vigor. To God from whom all blessings flow, let us return thanks and render grateful adoration and praise."

We should like to quote many of his excellent remarks, but space is limited. The following we cannot omit:

"If the character of the Master is known, that of the Lodge may be inferred. If the Master be ignorant of the work, if he be negligent of his Masonic duties, if

his habits are not what they should be, the effect is soon realized by the Lodge. Discord and confusion will arise, and no one can check these evils but the Master, and even he is powerless unless he have an uncompromising sense of moral duty, nd a character to sustain it. Without these the *leader* becomes the *destroyer* of the Lodge. He who is worthy to be Master should not only be familiar with the science of Masonry, appreciate the chart that is placed in his hand, but he should have as a guide the compass of the Eternal Word. Then would we be willing at all times and under all circumstances to stand by his character and to say, 'Behold my Master.'

THE INFLUENCE OF MASONRY,

"For good is felt throughout the whole civilized world; it finds its way into the hamlets of the poor and into the palaces of the rich; the home of the widow and orphan is gladdened by its generous hands, and the weary traveller is cheered by its beneficiencies. It restrains man from the commission of crime and injustice, and stretches forth its hand to remove temptation from the erring; it is active in all those things which tend to elevate mankind, and is the relentless enemy of vice in every form. It has been the means of calling into existence almost every benevolent order which exists to-day. Masonry, by her tenets and cardinal virtues, draws unbidden to her sanctum sanctorum the high, the low, the rich and the poor, and numbers them all alike her plighted sons and workmen. By her sublime principles and noble deeds, she challenges the ADMIRATION OF ALL MEN. She has stood the ravages of time, the convulsions of the civil, and the revolutions of the political world, and will never be destroyed, because she is founded upon a philosophic basis—upon the truth. And in this connection let me say that our institution is not sustained by its signs, grips and passwords, that the mere initiating, passing and raising of a man does not make him a Mason in the true sense of the term: the heart and mind must be in sympathy with the objects of the institution; the desire to be made a Mason should be joined with a determination to be serviceable to humanity. To be called a Mason signifies much, but to be one signifies much more. The name should be a guarantee to the world that he who bears the title is a man of honor, liberality and moral character; a man of integrity and broad-minded benevolence towards his race.

"How then can a Mason be an immoral man, when the sternest principles of morals are inculcated in all the symbolisms of the Fraternity, and enforced by the authority of the Holy Book which lies upon our altars? He is bound by the spirit of his obligation to obey the precepts of the moral law, TO BE A GOOD MAN, true, honest and upright in all his dealings, squaring his actions by the square of virtue. There is no middle ground for us to take.

"While we are taught to exercise the spirit of brotherly love, to relieve the distressed and to be truthful, we are also admonished to be temperate, to have fortitude, to be prudent, and to be just. A Mason in the every-day walks of life will commit errors in judgment as well as mistakes in conduct; yet he is deserving of charity. But the Mason who is guilty of deliberate wrong-doing should receive that condign punishment which deliberate wrong-doers deserve."

The 31 pages of Foreign Correspondence Report contain no notice of Nova Scotia.

Lodges, 47; Master Masons, 2918.

M. W. Grand Master, Andrew Sagendorf, Colorado Springs.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.

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## CONNECTICUT – 1884.

A Golden Square, indicative of the Golden Rule, adorns the cover of the Ninty-sixth Annual Report. But why not on *true blue* ground, brethren of Connecticut? Blue and gold—heaven's own canopy colors cannot be excelled! A handsome portrait of Grand Master F. H. Waldron forms the frontispiece—and the original occupied the Grand East on January 16, 5884, when Grand Lodge met at Hartford.

It seems we, of Nova Scotia, are not represented near the G. L. of Connecticut. Among the fraternal notices of the "Dead" in the G. Master's address we find the following:—

"Brother Charles S. Stratton of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, of Bridgeport, died July 15, 1883. Brother Stratton was made a master mason October 8, 1862. He was also a member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Jerusalem Council, No. 16 and Hamilton Commandery, No. 5; also of the several bodies of the A. and A. Rite in Bridgeport.

Brother Stratton never held office in any masonic body, but mention is made of him on account of his world-wide fame; his name was familiar in all our homes; there is not a child who is old enough to know its letters, or a gray haired man or woman who has not heard of "General Tom Thumb!" He was probably the most diminutive person that ever trod our checkered floor, or that was ever created a templar. He was buried by Hamilton Commandery, with full templar burial service."

Amongst the opinions and decisions of the G. M. are these:

*Question by Doric Lodge, No. 110:*

Suppose a candidate be rejected in lodge No. 1, and afterwards move into the jurisdiction of lodge No. 2, and while living in the jurisdiction of lodge No. 2, send his application to lodge No. 3.

Can lodge No. 1 give lodge No. 3 the right to receive the application? Has lodge No. 2 any jurisdiction in the case?

Answer. The candidate residing within the jurisdiction of lodge No. 2, and having been rejected by lodge No. 1, (which lodge holds perpetual jurisdiction

over the candidate,) lodge No. 3 cannot receive the application, even though lodge 1 relinquish jurisdiction. When a lodge relinquishes jurisdiction over a candidate it cannot do so in favor of a lodge without the jurisdiction of the lodge where the candidate resides. Lodge No. 2 has rights which lodge No. 3 must respect.

SOLICITING MEMBERS FOR THE INSTITUTION.

"We claim for our institution that its members came into it of their own volition. The man should seek the institution, not the institution the man. We require before his acceptance certain answers to questions, among which he states that he comes to us unbiased by friends, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, that he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate, &c. Can a candidate subscribe to these questions after he has been labored with by some brother whose zeal for the institution will make his friend give answers which are not true? A zealous brother is to be commended when that zeal is laudable, but when his zeal carries him into the byways, which is too often done, in search of material for his lodge, it is not in accordance with the teachings of the institution.

"There are, no doubt, many good men within our order who have been urged and solicited to become members, still that does not justify the practice of solicitation. If we find a worthy person desirous of becoming a member of the order, it is our duty to assist him by every honorable means in our power; but he should first intimate in some way that such is his desire, then the way is open for us to assist him in gaining admission. Members of the order should frown down this practice of our over zealous brothers, of repeated solicitations and urging persons to become members of the fraternity. It is not a very pleasant position for a member to be placed in, to present to his lodge the name of some person whom he has repeatedly solicited to become a member and then have him rejected; but if the party comes of his own volition and is rejected, there can be no blame attached to his friend who proposed his name."

The Foreign Correspondence is conducted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. K. Wheeler, and redounds greatly to his credit; he considers our last report of 64 pages is "very modest," but speaks most kindly and fraternally of our work and words. His own report covers nearly double the space and is all good reading.

Grand Master, M. W. Dwight Waugh, Stamford.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford.

Lodges, 110; Master Masons 14,942.

## DAKOTA—1883.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota assembled in Rapid City on June 12th, 1883, the M. W. Grand Master O. S. Gifford in the chair.

There was an attendance of Representatives of fifteen Chartered Lodges.

The Grand Master's address was one of considerable interest, containing many excellent and thoroughly masonic ideas, as well as practical suggestions and decisions of value. A large amount of important business was transacted; five hundred dollars were appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Grand Lecturer. An able review of Grand Lodge Correspondence is presented, in which Nova Scotia is briefly noted.

Masonry in Dakota appears to be in a satisfactory condition. There are fifty Lodges, with 1533 Members, and the Grand Lodge has its Treasury Department in a healthy condition.

Grand Master, O. S. Gifford, re-elected.

Grand Secretary, Chas. T. McCoy, re-elected.

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## DELAWARE—1883.

Grand Master, John F. Saulsbury; Grand Secretary, W. S. Hayes.

No. of Lodges, 29; Representatives, 21.

The Craft in this jurisdiction carry on their work in peace and harmony, as good masons should. The Grand Master, an enthusiastic mason, as his eloquent address shows, was re-elected. The ancient landmarks of the order will be well preserved under his rule.

There is a full list of members, but no Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1883.

Stated Communication, Washington, D. C., Jan. 10, 1883,

Bro. E. H. Chamberlain, M. W. Grand Master presiding and Bro. S. E. Slater as R. W. Grand Sec.: 16 Lodges represented. There

is nothing of special interest to us in the Proceedings of this Communication.

At the Semi-Annual Communication held May 9, 1883, the Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the Amended By-Laws of a Lodge, submitted the following, which was approved of by Grand Lodge.

"The Worshipful Master may declare any officer under appointment vacant whenever he may deem it expedient in the interest of the Lodge."

We have not the constitution of this G. Lodge at hand and so can not tell what officers in Sub. Lodges are elective and what are in the gift of the W. Master; but what becomes of the installation obligation, promise, or charge to the installed officers? There seems to be no provision for charge, trial and subsequent conviction: the *hoc volo* of a W. Master has some significance in this Jurisdiction.

A Special Communication was convened June 7, 1883, for the purpose of presenting a jewel to the Past Grand Master, Noble D. Larner. The presentation address was made by Bro. R. B. Donaldson, who said, among many other good things:

"The mere fact of being elevated to any office of power and trust does not, in itself, confer either honor or dignity upon the individual so distinguished, for these are reflected only upon him who, after accepting the office, discharges faithfully and efficiently the duties connected therewith.

"In your case, my brother, all the honors connected with the highest position known in Masonry have been fairly won: for you have *worthily* worn the jewel of the Grand Master. You have maintained and supported the dignity and high reputation of this Grand Lodge and this Masonic Jurisdiction, at home and abroad; your efforts have tended to promote harmony, together with a commendable "rivalry in good works" among the constituent Lodges; and, when you laid aside the insignia of office, your name was connected most favorably with the recollections of the brethren and the records of this Grand Lodge. These *good works*, and their recognition on the part of the fraternity, constitute the true 'honors of Masonry.' These are the honors you have secured. These the rich harvest that crowns your labor.

"And now that, by your own expressed wish, you have been relieved of the cares and responsibilities of office, and stand among your brethren unjewelled, uncovered, undistinguished by any badge of authority, the consciousness you possess of having faithfully endeavored to perform your duty must give a warmth to your heart that will well supply the place of all outward symbols.

"A token of their entire satisfaction in this respect, you will have in this rich and beautiful jewel, which, in the name and on behalf of the individual members

of this Grand Lodge, I have now the honor and pleasure of asking you to accept as a memento of their fraternal regard, and a mark of their high appreciation of the services you have rendered to the craft in this jurisdiction."

Annual Communication, Nov. 14, 1883.

W. M. Bro. E. H. Chamberlain, presiding; W. R. Singleton, G. Sec.

The Grand Master in his address brought to the notice of Grand Lodge the following:

"There were, however, two cases that I deem of sufficient importance to bring to your notice. During the year I received a communication from Naval Lodge, No. 4, informing me that one John T. Roberts, who, on the 4th of December, 1875, had applied to that Lodge for initiation and had been rejected, re-applied July 6, 1878, and had again been rejected, had received the degrees in Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, Virginia, without Naval Lodge having relinquished jurisdiction.

"I was applied to for advice in the premises as to what course would be proper for Naval Lodge to pursue. At my suggestion, Naval Lodge entered into correspondence with Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, and learned from them that Mr. Roberts in his application there did not, as required by the law of that jurisdiction, state that he had been rejected by a Lodge of this jurisdiction. I thereupon, in accordance with the law of this Grand Lodge, as enunciated by my immediate predecessor in the case of J. Ashly Thompson, decided John T. Roberts to have been irregularly made, and directed Naval Lodge to so notify the other Lodges in this jurisdiction."

On "CHARITIES" he says:

"In addition to the appropriations made by the several Lodges for charity, I must call attention to the great usefulness of our Masonic Board of Relief, which meets nightly at the Temple to consider every claim which may be presented to it of transient brethren needing relief. So far our experience has proved the eminent value of this good work. The St. John's Mite Association continues in its unostentatious work of charity, assisting many resident widows and orphans of brethren of other jurisdictions."

The practice of estopping or objecting to the advancement of an E. A. or F. C. (not known here) seems to be giving some trouble to brethren in sister Jurisdictions. We fear that the ballot box is not sufficiently exercised in the first instance—hence much subsequent unpleasantness to the Lodge. The following was adopted:

"And if, after his initiation, but before being passed, or after passing before being raised, objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objec-

tion shall be referred to a committee with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made."

We print the following for the information and consideration of members of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction:

"The following Communication from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was read; and on motion of Past Grand Master N. D. Larner, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward each year eight copies of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter:

"*Office of G. Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., Sept. 12th, 1883.*

"WM. R. SINGLETON, *G. Secretary G. Lodge F. A. A. M. of District Columbia:*

"*Dear Sir and Brother,*—At the Semi-Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, held June 13th, 1883, the following amendment to its Constitution was adopted: 'And any companion who may be suspended or dropped from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or any other cause, shall be suspended from his Chapter during the term of his suspension by the Lodge.'"

An Installation Communication was held Dec. 27, 1883, when M. W. Bro. Myron M. Parker was installed G. Master, and R. W. Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master in his address says *inter alia:*

"One of the prime objects in Masonry is to provide for the widows and orphans. How to best accomplish this, outside the beneficent charities of the Lodge-room, has occupied the attention of our ablest brethren. We all admit that the physical suffering and mental anxiety of our last hours finds relief in a knowledge that, when we have crossed the line, those who are dearer to us than life itself shall never be brought to want. Here in Washington we have an old and charitable institution known as "The Masonic Mutual Relief Association." During the past fifteen years this association has paid to the beneficiaries of deceased Master Masons over $400,000.

Lodges, 21; Master Masons, 2904, average about 140 members per Lodge.

## GEORGIA—1883.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia assembled in Annual Communication at Macon, October 30th, 1883.

There was a very large attendance of Grand Officers and representatives of Lodges.

The address of M. W. G. M., J. J. Wright, opens with some general masonic observations, characterized by earnestness and eloquence, and proceeds to deal with the large amount of business coming under his care with succinctness and ability. He recommended the expulsion from masonry of those suspended for non-payment of dues who, having the ability to pay, refuse to come forward after a reasonable time and meet their obligations. He supported his point with sense and vigor. It is gratifying to note that in the Grand Lodge of Georgia the *morale* of the fraternity is carefully preserved. "From every section," the G. M. reports, "come words of cheer and prosperity; the key-note to all of which is found in the word—discipline—a strict enforcement of law against immoralities." Excellent reports were presented from the Committee on Works, from the Grand Marshal, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, and on Foreign Correspondence. The latter report is brief but condensed and impartial. In a mention of Nova Scotia the resolution abolishing affiliation fees is heartily commended.

No. Lodges, 309. Total membership, 10,355.

Grand Master, M. W. John S. Davidson, Augusta.

Grand Secretary, J. Emmett Blackshear, (re-elected.)

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## IDAHO—1883.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho commenced its 16th Annual Communication at Boise City, on Sept. 11th, 1883.

The M. W. Grand Master, Lafayette Cartee, delivered an interesting and thoughtful address, exalting the character of masonic principles, and urging the practical application of them to every day life. He congratulated the Craft upon the general condition of masonry at this juncture, and confesses with much feeling that the high aim he had formed when first elected to the chair to visit every Lodge in

his jurisdiction had been disappointed. He did not fully realize the magnitude of the task he had set before himself. The address discussed in an able manner the relation of Masonry to Mormonism, to non-affiliates and to the Temperance question. He denounces drunkenness with vigor, and speaks in language none too warm of the baleful effects of that vice upon its unhappy victims and on those dependent on them. He recommends a report upon Foreign Correspondence. Some important business was transacted.

No. Lodges, 11; No. Members, 438.

Grand Master, Chester P. Coburn, of Lewiston.

Grand Secretary, Jonas W. Brown, Boise City.

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## INDIAN TERRITORY—1883.

The Ninth Annual Communication was held at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, 6th Nov., 1883, M. W. Harvey Lindsay, Grand Master, in the Chair.

We have not yet exchanged representatives with this Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following:

"With hearts grateful for mercies past and prayerful for mercies to come, let us enter upon the duties of the Ninth Annual Communication. We have been the recipients of numberless blessings; we have been guided by an unerring hand; we have been protected by an almighty arm. The God of our fathers has been with us and given us peace. May He who did aforetimes put it into the hearts of his children to uprear upon the solid foundation of truth the Masonic edifice, vouchsafe to meet with us at this communication and help us with His grace. May all our deliberations and proceedings be guided by the unerring spirit of truth.

"It affords me pleasure to inform you that the Subordinate Lodges throughout this Jurisdiction have, with one or two exceptions, enjoyed a year of prosperity. Some have added largely to their membership, gathering into their fold many who they believe are true Masons—not in name only—and who will increase our strength and advance our power to do good. I fear that some of our Lodges have conferred entirely too many degrees for the good of Masonry."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is excellent. We regret, sincerely, the following, and offer Brother Gooding our sincere sympathy:

"Soon after the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, Brother Gooding began to experience trouble with his eyes, which have continually grown worse, until now he is almost blind. Of course, under such a condition, he could not take part in the preparation of this report."

Grand Master Laurie's address is largely quoted from in the notice of Nova Scotia, and our report we are glad to see is considered "very interesting."

M. W. Grand Master, Edwd. H. Doyle, (McAlester.)

R. W. Grand Secretary, Jos. S. Murrow, (Atoka.)

Lodges, 17; Master Masons, 553.

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## KANSAS—1884.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Lawrence, Feb. 20 and 21st, A. L. 5884, M. W. George S. Green, Grand Master in the east. R. W. E. T. Carr, P. J. G. W., representative of Nova Scotia was present.

The Grand Master said—*inter alia:*

"It is with unfeigned pleasure I extend to you, the representatives of more than two hundred chartered lodges, and over twelve thousand masons, a warm and fraternal greeting:

"The year past has been one of fruitful field and abundant harvest, fraught with the choicest and richest blessings from the Grand Master of the Universe, and one too, of unprecedented prosperity to the Craft in this Jurisdiction.

"With but few exceptions, that harmony which has ever characterized our order, has reigned supreme throughout our broad borders.

"I am pleased to report to you that our relations with all foreign Grand Lodges, as well as the Grand Bodies of our own country, are of the most fraternal character. May such relations long continue.

"In your deliberations here, remember that you are making a record which others, who will come after you, will read. Do that which will achieve for our Order a stability and moral power which will permeate our growing civilization. By the exercise of the tenets of our Order, the common habitation which we enjoy is to be beautified, and mankind made wiser and better; and in all things, may the Grand Master above give us the wisdom to choose the right, and the courage to pursue it; and as the years come and go, may the glories of the terrestrial lodge mingle and commingle with the Celestial, where the Grand Ruler, possessing all wisdom, reigns supreme."

In the report on Foreign Correspondence—an able document of 194 pages, Brother Brown does great credit to himself and to the Craft.

Under the head of England—the presence of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia beside him of *Scotia Antiqua* is duly noticed.

Under the head of Nova Scotia we find the following kindly notice of ourselves, for which we offer fraternal thanks:

"Bro. D. C. MOORE, chairman of the committee, presented the report on Correspondence. The proceedings of forty-seven Grand Lodges, three of them for two years, are reviewed, abstracts of the more important matters of each being made, and many quotations inserted. The compilation is very creditable, and if the brethren of that Jurisdiction will read what their committee have prepared, they will obtain a fair knowledge of the doings of Grand Lodges on this side of the frontier line. For the fraternal mention of our Grand Lodge and its officers, we return them kind thanks, and trust that, with decreased liabilities, a new impulse will be given to masonry throughout the Province.

M. W. Grand Master, J. Jay Buck, Emporia.
R. W. Grand Sec., John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Lodges, 232; Master Masons, 11,353.

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## KENTUCKY—1883.

The 84th Annual Communication held at Louisville, Oct. 16th, 5883.

This bulky tome of over 470 pages is printed at "The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," (office of the Masonic Home Journal.)

Masonry is a reality truly in "Old Kentucky," with its 623 Lodges and 15,565 Master Masons; 566 of whom are ministers of religion.

M. W. Grand Master Buckner was in his place at the Annual Communication—not only on the throne—but as our Representative. We highly appreciate the honor done to Nova Scotia.

The G. M. said:

"By the merciful Providence of God we are permitted to assemble around our Sacred Altar to offer the thanksgiving of our grateful hearts for the manifold blessings which have been bestowed upon us. It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and sadness that I now render to you an account of my official acts. It is

with pleasure that I serve you in the distinguished capacity of Grand Master, with which position, by your favor, I have been honored.

"It is with sadness that I will inform you of the death of three distinguished Past Grand Masters."

There is a peculiar officer named:

"On the 4th of October, 1883, I appointed Bro. W. H. Meffert as Lottery Commissioner, the position having been vacated by the death of Bro. A. G. Hodges."

And the G. M. decides:

"That a lunar month in Masonry is the period of time between one full moon and the next full moon succeeding it. All periods may, for convenience, and from precedent, be computed from the full moon."

Would that every jurisdiction had the like to The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in Kentucky:

"Since the opening of its doors for the reception of its beneficiaries there have been received 33 Widows and 381 children. Eighteen widows have been discharged, one died; 213 children have been discharged, 10 have died; leaving at the close of the year 158 children and 14 widows in the institution. A number of children have been admitted since August 31st. The financial condition of the Home presents a very satisfactory exhibit. The buildings and furniture are paid for and there is no debt hanging over the institution.

"The Endowment Fund amounts to $148,149.32. The income from this for the past year was $8,993.95. The amount received for the assessment for last year is $7,793.65. The amount received by brethren in Louisville on June 24th, 1883, is $1,552.44. Other donations, including Grand Lodge donation, is $3,728.75. Amount from the inmates of the Home, $883.41. Mite Chest, $31.20. The total amount is for the past year $22,973.40. The Board of Directors have added the surplus to the Endowment Fund, after paying all expenses."

117 pages of Foreign Correspondence Report are presented by Bro. Staton; the work is admirably done. Of us he says:

"The report on correspondence is presented by Bro. D. C. Moore, and covers fifty-nine pages, in which Kentucky for 1881 is reviewed. The review of each Grand Lodge must necessarily be quite short, so as to crowd forty-three into *sixty* pages."

This one of many compliments we have received for conciseness and brevity, which we highly value, whether intended as such or

otherwise. Our remark relative to dual or plural representation is thus pleasantly met:

"'And amongst the Grand Representatives was Bro. G. D. Buckner for Nova Scotia—at least *part of him*—for he represents Indiana as well. We prefer to have a *whole* man.' Whew! They don't set much store to avoirdupoise up in Nova Scotia. Buckner is big enough mentally and *physically* to represent Indiana and *Nova Scotia* too."

We know fully the value of having M. W. Bro. Buckner for our representative (as we have said above), and mentally and masonically we can quite believe him able to be a Universal Representative of all the Grand Lodges in the world—but *physically* NO—not if he were as big as Jumbo—because conflicting interests *may* arise between two Grand Lodges and then no one man can do the duties. We know other cases, but multiplication of error never made it right.

M. W. Howard R. French, G. M., Mt. Sterling.

R. W. Hiram Bassett, G. Sec'y, Millersburg.

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## LOUISIANA—1884.

Grand Master, J. L. Lobdell; Grand Secretary, R. Lambert. Lodges in the Jurisdiction, 129; Represented, 44.

The Grand Master's address shows the report of much work conscientiously performed; Lodges diligently visited, power of dispensation wisely exercised, and the affairs of the Craft judiciously administered. He reports that in his rulings during the year no new jurisprudence has been formed; and suggests with much force that "a little attention on the part of the Worshipful Master and officers of Lodges to the carefully annotated publication of the Constitution and general regulations, would relieve those officers and the Grand Secretary and Grand Master from a great amount of tedious and wholly unnecessary labor." We gladly give his words circulation.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is chiefly occupied with the affairs of European and Mexican Grand Lodges.

## MANITOBA—1883.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on the 14th and 15th days of February, 1883. The attendance was large. The address of Grand Master, John Headley Bell, is an unusually interesting paper, containing many judicious remarks upon masonic principles and practice, and a report upon considerable important matter of local interest.

The proceedings of that enterprising Masonic Knight-errant, Bro. R. S. Patterson, were sharply reviewed, and his warrant as Special Deputy revoked. The whole record of the disputes between Bro. Patterson and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba is an illustration of the danger of entrusting any mason with a roving commission, such as that which Bro. Patterson so grossly abused.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that thorough discipline, visits and good work is being done, though under some difficulties.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows the Lodges and the Grand Lodge to be in a thriving and healthy condition.

No. Lodges, 22; of Members, 778.

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## MARYLAND—1883.

Semi-Annual Communication May 8th, A. L., 5883.

M. W. Grand Master John S. Tyson in the East.

Again we fail ro see the name of our Representative Bro. Robb; and again your Representative was absent from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—this time he was in Europe—but at the Communication just passed, (June, 1884), he was present, and is pleased to be able to report that at the banquet which followed the closing of Grand Lodge he was enabled to say some few words for his Mother Grand Lodge, as he was called upon as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to reply to the toast of "Sister Grand Lodges."

Grand Master Tyson puts very concisely that which is a very general complaint—why cannot officers of subordinate lodges inform themselves—it would take less time to look up the Constitution than to write a letter troubling the Grand Master; he says:

"I have not been called upon to decide any question of special interest to the Craft. Although my correspondence would make a good sized book, a report of my decisions would merely be a repetition of well known Masonic law, or of the provisions of our own Constitution and Standing Resolutions."

The finances of G. L. are gradually improving, we are glad to see.

"The Eutaw Savings Bank holds ground rents on the Temple to the amount of $97,000.00 at six per cent. (Formerly $100,000.00. The sum of $3000.00 was paid Dec. 15, 1881.) The Bank has agreed to accept at any time part payment of the principal of this debt, in sums not less than $1000.00, and has also agreed that when the debt shall have been reduced to $75,000.00, the rate of interest will be reduced to 5 per cent. It thus appears that by the payment of $22,000.00, the interest account could at once be reduced $2070.00. In the absence of unusual expenses, the Grand Lodge can now pay about $3000.00 per annum in reduction of its principal debt."

Brother Gorgas furnishes a magnificent report of 166 pages on Foreign Correspondence, and says:

"Although we have exceeded the number of pages to which we are restricted, (not legally restricted, however, as it requires an amendment to the Constitution of our Grand Lodge to do so, and such has never been offered, but the restriction passed as a simple resolution), we have not found enough of space at our command in more than one hundred and sixty pages for much comment. We have simply endeavored to do our duty as a Reporter of Correspondence, and the excess has not grown out of any desire to write for the sake of writing, as we have enough to do in this respect professionally, at the present time."

Nova Scotia receives two and a half pages of notice, quoting largely from Grand Master Taylor's address, and our "brief" report is most kindly spoken of.

M. W. Grand Master, John S. Tyson, Baltimore.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Jacob H. Medairy, 6 N. Howard Street, Baltimore.

84 Lodges represented. Master Masons. 4841.

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## MARYLAND—1884.

The half yearly volume of this Grand Lodge has arrived and gives account of the Semi-Annual Communication, May 13th and 14th, A. L. 5884.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Tyson, was in the Grand east.

Thirty-five Sister Grand Lodges were represented, but R. W. Bro. Robb, our Representative, is not reported.

The Grand Master said:

"My first duty is to report to you concerning the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

"In compliance with the recommendation adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, I sent to the W. Master of each Lodge out of Baltimore, a printed form, with the request that he would report to me thereon in reference to the condition of his Lodge. This printed form requires answers on the following points:

"1. Do harmony and brotherly love prevail in this Lodge?

"2. Does harmony exist between this and neighboring Lodges?

"3. Are the brethren faithful to their obligations and duties?

"4. Are the Lodge books and accounts properly kept?

"5. Are the members generally proficient in the work?

"6. How many communications of the Lodge have been held since last stated communication of the Grand Lodge?

"7. What has been average attendance?

"8. Do officers attend regularly and promptly, and is the Lodge generally opened at the time appointed?

"9. When no candidates offer themselves, does the W. Master endeavor to interest the members by the exemplification of some part of the work?

"10. Are the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, its Constitution and Standing Resolutions, ever read and discussed in the Lodge?

"11. Is the Lodge financially prosperous?

"12. Number of members returned to last Grand Lodge? Since raised? Since affiliated? Number dimitted? Died? Suspended for N. P. D.? Suspended for other causes? Present number?

"13. Other matters.

"I have received reports on these forms from 27 Lodges, which, with a few exceptions, are satisfactory upon nearly every point of inquiry, and show the Lodges generally to be in good condition, financially and otherwise, and the average of the reports shows a small increase of membership.

"I regret to find, however, that in a considerable number of these Lodges, when there is no work, the W. Master does not endeavor to interest the members by exemplification. If a Lodge meets only to open and close, nothing is more certain to follow than a lack of attendance and of interest among its members.

"In pleasing contrast with this practice are the reports from several of the Lodges, showing it to be their invariable custom to exemplify when no work offers. And from three Lodges I have the statement that in addition to exemplification, they frequently have lectures and readings on Masonic subjects."

The Grand Master decided:

"The 'Form of Charges and Trial,' sec. 18, provides that—'Should any member so suspended pay all arrearages *up to the time of his suspension*, within six months after notice of the action of the Lodge is given him, his membership is renewed: otherwise it can only be renewed by his paying *all arrearages*, and petitioning in regular form for reinstatement.' I decided that the words '*all arrearages*,' as last used, mean 'all arrearages up to the time of his suspension.' Because no arrearages or dues can accrue during suspension."

Bro. Gorgas being unable, through family affliction, to prepare the Report on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Wroth stepped to the front and in ten days produced a most able document of 108 pages. Well done brother! No one else is *Wroth* if you are.

Master Masons, 4,766.

Lodges represented, 70.

M. W. Grand Master, John S. Tyson, Baltimore.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Jacob H. Medairy, 6 N. Howard Street, Baltimore.

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## MASSACHUSETTS—1883.

Annual Communication Dec. 12th, A. L. 5883.

Stated Communication Dec. 27 in the same year, being its 150th anniversary, M. W. Grand Master Samuel Crocker Lawrence in the East on both occassions, an excellent steel engraving of whose likeness adorns the volume as frontispiece. In his address on the first occasion the Grand Master said:

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—The present year brings with it the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Masonry, *organized under duly chartered authority*, in this State, and, as we have equally good reason to believe, in this country. In the early history of the colonies, the Masons residing in the scattered settlements were few in number, widely separated, and, of necessity, in a great measure debarred from the privileges of fraternal association, and mutual help and sympathy. Although for many years meetings of Masons were unquestionably held for the purposes of Masonic work, and conducted with more or less form, it was not until July 30, 1733, that any organization was effected in this country *under chartered authority*. Upon the date mentioned, R. W. Bro. Henry Price, the "Father of Masonry in America," duly authorized by a Commission or Deputation, dated April 30, 1733, from Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Master, formed and opened in Boston, at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, on King Street, a Provincial

Grand Lodge, and regularly organized it by the appointment of a Deputy Grand Master and other officers. The work of organization was duly performed, and the legality of the foundation of this Grand Lodge rests upon undisputed historieal evidence ; and just as unquestionably its date of precedencc antedates that of every other Grand Lodge of Masons in America.

"In thankful acknowledgement of the favor vouchsafed by Providence to our Institution through every stage of its history, I trust that, at the coming Feast of St. John, suitable notice will be taken of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and of duly authorized Freemasonry in this country, to the end that we may put upon lasting record the evidence of our grateful appreciation of the work done by the founders of Masonry in America.

The Grand Officers were elected on the 12th and installed on the Feast of St. John, when the Grand Master made the following most gratifying statement :

"BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE,—In recent years it has not been the custom of the Grand Master to introduce matters foreign to the special purpose of this Stated Communication. I venture, however, to make a statement which I am sure you will heartily welcome. You are aware that the payment of the outstanding Temple debt, amounting three years ago to $162,000, has been the work which has chiefly engaged my attention during the period of my official life. At the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge I announced that, by means of the funds in the treasury, and some money temporarily borrowed, the balanee of the mortgage debt on the Temple, amounting to $100,000, had just been paid. Since the annual meeting, Ashler Lodge, of Rockport. and Cincinnatus Lodge, of Great Barrington, have commuted the capitation tax, and I now have the pleasure of informing you that the remainder of the Temple debt, consisting of a temporary loan of $11,000, has been paid in full ; so that the Grand Lodge now stands, for the first time since 1864, entirely free from debt. I most heartily congratulate the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity of the Commonwealth upon this happy deliverance, and the brighter future it opens to the Craft.

"This announcement was received with so great satisfaction by the Brethren that they could with difficulty restrain their enthusiasm within the bounds of Masonic propriety.

There was a grand feast in the evening, when the new Grand Master, Abram H. Howland—

"Addressed the Brethren in eloquent and felicitous language, congratulating them upon the successful administration of Grand Lodge affairs which had just closed, and expressing the profound gratitude of the whole Fraternity of the Commonwealth to the retiring Grand Master for his incessant, unwearied and successful labors of the past three years. While it would be useless for any Brother to

attempt to equal the services which had produced a result which we all hailed with delight—the liquidation of our whole debt—he assured the Brethren that he had the highest appreciation of the responsibilities he had assumed, and that no effort should be wanting on his part to discharge the duties of his exalted station in such a manner as to maintain the dignity and promote the welfare of this venerable Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address—as well as that of R. W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson—is, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence. We beg leave to offer our fraternal congratulations to our brethren of Massachusetts on their 150th birthday, and hope they will live to be older than Methusaleh; and that being now free from debt, they will ever so remain—so mote it be!

Members, 26,583.

Lodges, 227.

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## MICHIGAN—1884.

Grand Master, C. F. R. Bellows; Grand Sec'y, Wm. P. Innes.

Lodges on the roll, 366; Lodges represented, 343.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge fill a large volume of 150 pages. The brethren of this jurisdiction evidently take much interest in masonry, as a very large proportion of the Lodges are represented in Grand Lodge.

The Order is in a vigorous condition. From the Grand Master's address we gather that six new Lodges have been chartered, and four Halls have been dedicated.

A good many cases of imperfect material appear to have come before the G. M. for his decision. In some the candidate had already received one degree. In all, the G. M. refused to sanction the acceptance or further working of the material. In reporting his decisions, he makes the following pertinent remarks:

"By so doing, it may be that exact justice has not been done in each individual case. Very likely, a uniform ruling like the above, applied to so many different cases, has closed the door of Masonry against some good and most worthy men. But the difficulty of deciding each separate case of the kind, upon its own particular merits, and the importance that attaches to the observance of a policy which has become quite definitely and uniformly settled in Masonry, determined that if

there be an element of error not altogether unavoidable in such cases, it shall be kept on that side of a theoretically just line where it is least likely to do mischief. It was one of the *Ancient Charges*, "that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he be a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body;" and the rule is no less imperative to-day as requiring perfect physical qualifications in those who would be Masons."

We are glad to quote his observations on Lodges of Instruction:

"I desire to bespeak the special interest of Grand Lodge in this department of our work. I have been present at a few of the Lodges of Instruction that have been held during the year, and have been much gratified and encouraged by what I have seen. The interest manifested in the improvement of these means of Masonic education and training stands in very marked contrast, as a rule, to that exhibited ten years ago. In taking account of the progress that has been made in this direction, it should not be forgotten that these meetings take hold upon deeper things than the acquisition of mere mechanical proficiency in our various orms of work. It is the spirit of our art—the very soul-life of Masonry—that is to be touched and inspired by masterpieces of workmanship here exhibited. It is the training of the mind and heart of the artist no less than of the hand—that which will make him a better man as well as a better workman—that is the realest and best outcome of our Lodges of Instruction. This sort of fruit is only now beginning to appear from the planting of years ago.

"Again, it must be remembered that the officers of our Lodges are changed throughout in scarcely more than three years. Even the body of attending members become almost a totally new one within the space of ten years. This occasions the necessity of a constant retraversing of the ground of instruction. Old things become new again. Questions thought to have been disposed of provokingly reappear to be answered anew. We are tempted to despair of any progress, so much does history repeat itself. Really, however, this condition of things is the very law of progress, the sole way in which there is any getting on in the world.

"Regarding the efficiency of our system of Masonic Instruction, experience, as well as reason, proves that the best results are realised accordingly as the work touches the Craft at large, instead of merely one or two officers of a Lodge. If, then, any feasible plan could be devised for increasing the number of Lodges of Instruction held within the year, the number of Lodges represented at each being correspondingly diminished, and the notification of the meeting extended to the membership of these Lodges as a whole, the result, I am sure, would be found to be materially better than attained under the present system."

We cordially endorse these sentiments and could wish they were universally acted upon.

A large number of rulings are given, some of which are useful for the guidance of other Grand Lodges. We give publicity to a few.

A Fellow Craft cannot be dimitted.

The report of a committee on the petition of a candidate cannot be signed by proxy.

Without regard to whether the feelings of a committee are favorable or unfavorable to the election of a candidate, the petition in the one case as well as the other, goes to the Lodge for its vote.

"Charges were preferred against a brother for non-payment of dues. Regular proceedings were had in the case, the accused neither appearing in answer to summons or notice of commissioners. At the next regular meeting the case was tried, the brother found guilty and the requisite vote had upon penalty. The next day he came and paid his dues.

"*Question.* Can the proceedings of the trial and the results of the ballots be struck from the records by vote of the Lodge?

"*Answer.* The proceedings and results of the trial cannot be expunged from the records."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is voluminous, occupying one half of the volume. There is a kindly notice of Nova Scotia.

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## MINNESOTA—1883.

The 30th Grand Annual Communication of the G. L. of Minnesota commenced at St. Paul, Jan. 9th, 1883.

The M. W. Grand Master C. Henry Benton, assisted by his Grand Lodge officers and representatives of 117 Lodges, opened the Grand Lodge and proceeded to transact a large amount of important business.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the important work performed by his Deputies in visiting Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

Among the decisions we find none to criticise, as all the questions are answered with judgment and must meet with general approval.

Speaking of the condition of Masonry it is gratifying to observe the G. M., Benton, reports very few weak lodges and that most of the lodges in Minnesota are flourishing and doing good work. As to the Grand Lodge "her records were never clearer or more complete and her finances never in a more satifactory condition." He suggests the advisability of having a Grand Lecturer but recommends very little new legislation.

An address of Bro. Samuel E. Adams, Grand Orator, is appended. His oration is very readable and in parts eloquent. The concluding brief poem is finely conceived and would bear quotation in full.

The Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee submitted his annual report concerning the proceedings of 47 Grand Bodies. Among them that of Nova Scotia, is briefly referred to.

It is highly gratifying to observe so much of real success among our brethren in Minnesota, and we envy them the progressive spirit which appears to animate them in all parts of the jurisdiction.

No. of Lodges, 150; of members, 6065.

G. Master, M. W. C. Henry Benton, (re-elected.)

G. Secretary, R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, (re-elected.)

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## MINNESOTA—1884.

The Thirty-first Annual Communication in the City of St. Paul was held January 15th and 16th, A.L., 5884, M. W. Grand Master C. H. Benton in the East.

The Grand Master's address was concise and business-like in style, but nevertheless full of interest, as witness the following:

"My attention has lately been called to an actual case like the following: John Doe, when a young man, was duly elected in one of the Eastern States, where an election entitles a candidate to the three degrees, and received the first degree only. Before he could get the second he was borne westward by the irresistible tide of emigration, and found a home in Minnesota. This was twenty years ago. Now he asks the Lodge which elected him to give him the other two degrees. That Lodge being willing to do so, asks a Lodge here to do the work for it. Courtesy impels the Lodge here to do the work for its sister Lodge in the East without stopping to ask a question. Is it right to do so? I think not. I think there should be some rule requiring the candidate, in his new home, to pass the ordeal of a ballot. Many a moral and upright and worthy young man leaves his parental roof, and goes to a new country, where, unrestrained by the influences of home and the society he left, he falls a victim to the snares and temptations of frontier life—is demoralized and lost.

"Twenty years make many changes, but any time, however short, may see any one of us fall into a snare. We are all human: any one of us may fall into a pit to-morrow, and be lost.

"We cannot, of course, take any action which will deprive any Lodge in

another Grand Lodge jurisdiction of any legal right it may have to maintain jurisdiction over the candidate. But we can do this: We can regulate the matter in our own State; and we can also adopt a regulation relinquishing jurisdiction over every entered apprentice or fellow craft who removes from the State, leaving him in all cases to petition in his new home, after sufficient residence there, for the remaining degrees, and leaving the Lodge having jurisdiction over his new home, whether in this State or out, free to give them to him, or not, as it may find him worthy or unworthy. I recommend that this be done,"

We are lengthening our quotations as much as possible, on the very principles which we admired in the former reports from Minnesota—to start points which will induce investigation.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, in which Nova Scotia is fraternally noticed.

Lodges, 158.

Master Masons, 8640.

M. W. H. R. Denny, G. Master, Carver.

R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, G. Secretary, St. Paul.

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## MANITOBA—1884.

Grand Master, J. H. Bell; Grand Sec'y, Wm. G. Scott.

No. of Lodges, 28; represented, 18.

Masonry appears to be growing steadily with the settlement of the country in this young but energetic jurisdiction. Six new Lodges have been opened under dispensation during the past year. No decisions have been called for. The District Deputy Grand Masters seem to have done their duty with efficiency and zeal.

There is no Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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## MISSISSIPPI—1884.

The 66th Annual Communication was held in the City of Jackson, 13th February, A. L. 5884.

M. W. Grand Master, P. M. Savary, on the Throne.

P. G. Master, M. W. James M. Howry, represented Nova Scotia. He was also Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee—

we say "*was*," for at the end of the Report signed by himself and colleagues occurs the following:

THE GAVEL HAS FALLEN,
and
the earthly labors
of him
whose hand wrote the foregoing pages
are finished.

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As these pages go to press
his Masonic Brethren
are rendering
the last offices of Masonry
to one who was
greatly beloved
by all who knew him,

JAMES MOORMAN HOWRY,

Past Grand Master of Masons,
who closed,
at his home in Oxford, Miss.,
On Tuesday morning, April 15th, 1884,
a long and honorable career,
of nearly eighty years of exalted usefulness,
and which was
one continued and brilliant example
of a
lofty and well-directed ambition,
an incessant round of duty,
vigorously and conscientiously performed,
a pathway
paved with industry and enterprise,
and
glowing with beneficence and honor.

We too would blend the tributary tear with those of the brethren in Mississippi for the loss of one who ably and faithfully represented us in that distant jurisdiction, and who was evidently a shining light to all within his orbit.

In the Grand Master's address are the following decisions:

Lodge of initiation has control of a brother until he is a Master Mason. He is their material.

Acts of a Lodge at a stated Communication cannot be *reconsidered* at a subsequent Communication. The only way to reach the error (if any) is by resolution.

A Lodge may be *notified* by its Tyler in person, or by written or printed notice, mailed by Secretary, or published in the columns of a newspaper. A *summons* is not merely a formal *notice*. Should be written or printed, may be signed by the W. M., attested by the Secretary, and under seal of the Lodge. It should be served by Senior Deacon or Tyler, in person, and due return made of said service, and all Masons disregarding a lawful summons should be disciplined for violation of the O. B. Lodges are held responsible that a lawful summons is not disregarded.

Proffered payment of all indebtedness of a Bro. Mason, at a stated Communication of a Lodge, does not entitle him to a dimit if charges are then preferred, or good cause shown why they should be. If a brother knows of any good and sufficient reason why dimit should not be granted, he has the right, and it is his Masonic duty, to object to grant dimit, but he must prefer charges without delay.

A dimit once granted cannot be recalled, although charges may be preferred and the brother holding dimit tried as a non-affiliate.

A Mason cannot be legally suspended or deprived of membership for non-payment of dues without being duly summoned and heard thereon, and if he has a good Masonic excuse for non-payment of dues, he cannot be disciplined therefor. Failure to obey summons to show cause why dues remain unpaid, is sufficient to warrant judgment by default.

No appeal from a decision of a W. M., except to Grand Master or Grand Lodge."

Robert C. Patty, Macon, M. W. Grand Master.
J. L. Power, Jackson, R. W. Grand Sec'y.
Lodges, 293. Master Masons, 8,897.

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## MONTANA—1883.

Grand Master, A. J. Davidson; Grand Sec'y, C. Hedges.
Lodges on Roll, 28; Represented, 22.

The Grand Master's address is brief and business-like, and contains no decisions. Three dispensations were granted to open new Lodges. The G. M. makes one recommendation with reference to brethren asking for a dimit, which we think worthy of consideration:

"I would recommend that our by-laws for the government of subordinat lodges be so amended, that when a brother desires to sever his connection with

his lodge, he must first make application to join another. Then, instead of granting him a dimit, have the Secretary forward a certificate to the Secretary of the lodge he proposes to join, setting forth that he is in good standing and clear of the books, and that on receipt of proper notice from the Secretary that he has been elected a member of the lodge to which he has applied, a dimit will be granted him. I think this will have the effect of lessening the number of non-affiliates. I know of two worthy Masons who dimitted from a lodge in Helena, with the view of joining another in this jurisdiction. Their dimits were granted, they made application to join this other lodge and were rejected. Now, these two brothers, good Masons and true, are without the pale of Masonry. Had this plan been in force, they would still be contributing to the cause of Masonry and in good standing with their brethren."

The Grand Secretary's Report is full, and he makes a suggestion which might, with benefit to the Craft, be acted upon in other jurisdictions:

"We think our Grand Lodge could well afford to set aside a small sum each year to pay the subscription price to a few of the best Masonic publications, and thus, by binding these into volumes, make our library a permanently growing one. It would seem as though the sum of $50 per annum might thus be appropriated for binding and subscription to Masonic magazines, such as are well worthy to support and valuable to preserve."

This Grand Lodge has a Standing Committee on Work and Returns of Lodges, which performs a useful work; by which the records of subordinate Lodges and their labors are passed in review. This must naturally conduce to the accuracy and exactness of the private Lodges, and have a beneficial effect upon the brethren concerned. We note that free criticism is made upon the manner and matter of returns which must affect for good the officials passed in review. This process might be very well adopted and made universal.

A loving consideration is shown by this Grand body for illustrious Masons who, by their zeal and energy, have deserved well of the Craft; and we observe with pleasure that the Grand Lodge voted a large sum towards a monument for its late Grand Master Pomeroy. Thus munificently does the representative organization of the jurisdiction honor the memory of its worthy dead.

The Lodges, with one exception, meet on Saturdays.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes a voluminous report which is characterized by great good taste. We quote a few remarks which we cordially endorse, with regard to the building of

costly Masonic Temples. We do not indicate the connexion in which the opinion is uttered:

"The hopes of those who begin such enterprises are never realized. They think how much better they would feel in a spacious and well furnished hall, and how fine it will be to have a revenue from rents to pay current expenses and provide the ready means for convenient charities. But the money invested in such buildings returns a very low interest. There are taxes and insurance, care and constant repairs, to eat away the expected profits. One generation drudges and practices all manner of self-denial that the next may have an easier time. We have sometimes doubted which generation was most benefited, and we have about reached the conclusion that it is an injury to both those whose burdens are made heavy and those who are relieved of a proper share.

"It is a poor investment for a capitalist, but it is a hundred times poorer for such an organization as ours, with charity for its purpose. We seem to be always getting ready for some great charitable enterprise that never is done. If the Masons of to-day would work and strive as hard to do some of the charitable work that is appealing for help, and leave to another generation to do its own proper work, we are sure it would be a better division of the labor, and the fruits would be better in every respect. Many are led away with the idea that Masonry must somehow be at work on brick and mortar. The better temple is a well-earned fame for works of practical charity done to-day. We are compelled to regard the rage for temple building an utter miscarriage of noble purposes, neglecting those which the world needs for the purpose of supplying what it does not need; piling up stone that will crumble, and neglecting to rear and adorn and save our fellows and brothers, who are to live forever. The best edifice in the world is not of so much value as the poorest brother of the weakest child redeemed to self-respect, usefulness, and honor."

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## NEBRASKA—1882-1883.

The most tasty cover of any Proceedings we review, in true Masonic colors, and inside, the best type!

The Quarter Centennial Communication was held at Omaha Sept. 23, 1882, M. W. Edwin M. Warren in the Grand East.

Our Representative, Bro. F. Catlin, is not named as present.

The Proceedings are pretty well epitomized in the following:

"The Grand Lodge, with the assembled craftsmen, then formed in procession, proceeded to the Union Pacific depot, took train to the Omaha Driving Park, and there sat down at a Table Lodge, whereat severa ours were spent in festivity."

The Speeches, as reported, were excellent;—from the Grand Master's welcome we extract:

"Twenty-five years ago! And what was our situation then? Then, three weak lodges, with a membership in 1858 of one hundred and seven; now, a roster that embraces ninety chartered lodges, with fourteen others under dispensation, with a membership of over four thousand; then they met in a small hamlet situated upon the west bank of the treacherous and muddy Missouri, upon the extreme confines of civilization, upon what was then believed to be, and so marked in our geographies and atlas as, the Great American Desert, where tempestuous winds and shifting sands presented a scene of desolate sterility. How great the change in our state? What was then a village of a few hundred heterogeneous inhabitants is now a compactly built, prosperous, energetic, elegant city of fifty thousand souls, presenting in her manufactories, railroads, churches, schools and public works, evidences of a solid and substantial prosperity. And what was once so dreaded as the desert is dotted with thriving villages and cities, surrounded by fertile fields of yellow grain or serried ranks of corn.

"And in these twenty-five years Masonry has kept pace with the advancement humanity has made; nay, has added its powerful assistance in pushing forward the car of progress. What is it in the fraternity that has attracted so many of our best men, and that continues to hold their fealty and compels their devotion? There is, there must be, something more than the mere fact of a mystery, a secret; for the mystery is more fanciful than real. Secrecy and silence may attract a few in the beginning, and may hold them for a season, but unless there is a something higher and better and more noble beyond, interest would wane and devotion cease when once the mystery had been penetrated. In the dim past of Masonic tradition we are informed that bigotry, intolerance and fanaticism laid their ruffianly hands upon the breast of one of the most eminent of our number, and fiercely demanded, "Give us the secret of a Master Mason." What was the answer, when returned in calm tones? You all know; and ever since the same demand, in varied tones and by different seekers, has been made of us, and to-day we are asked again, "Give us the secret of a Master Mason." The "secret" is an open one, my brethren. It is love—a love born of a close companionship and more intimate knowledge of each other's worth, that seeks with kindly sympathy to alleviate our sorrow and distress, that cherishes and protects a brother's welfare—a love strong as faith, enduring as hope, broad and tender as charity—a love that stretches out its hand to save a falling brother, that stands foot to foot, knee to knee, breast to breast, in the most enduring of ties.

"Why do we love the fraternity, and why are we so attached to it? What is the charm, and why has it so powerful an influence over us? This is the old, old question that has been asked ever since creation's dawn, by husbands of wives, by wives of husbands, by children of parents, and by lovers everywhere. Who can answer it, and tell wherein is the secret? Listen for a moment, and I will give you what to me has seemed to be.

## LOVE'S ANSWER.

"If thou should'st ask me how and why
I love, I can but make reply:
The birds with each recurring spring
Resume the haunts they knew before
Stern winter drove them from our door.
Why they return on tireless wing,
Why with glad hearts they ever sing
While journeying to a colder sky—
Make answer *thou*, and tell me why.
We prize the sweet flower as it blows;
We love the fragrance of the rose,
That burdens all the summer air,
That blooms and blushes everywhere;
We love it, even though it die—
Make answer *thou*, and tell me why.
The rivers with resistless force
Toward the sea their onward course
Pursue, according to the plan
Ordained by God since time began;
Why will their cold and sullen waves,
O'er buried ships, o'er countless graves,
Thus ever to the ocean tend,
Till time itself shall have an end?
Unless to these thou makest reply,
No need for me to tell thee why.
No need to tell, since, like the boom
Of roses on the air of June,
The incense of a love like thine
Intoxicates like mellow wine,
Till heart and mind and brain and soul
Are placed as far beyond control
Of any strength or will of mine,
As the clear stars that o'er us shine.
No need to tell nor reason give
For that for which I breathe and live.
For surely, he alone can feel
The mysteries that love reveal,
Who, by dear lips the lesson taught,
Has the impassioned goddess caught;
Since eye and lip and flaming cheek,
In langage they alone can speak,
Tell of a love for which I live;

The choicest blessings life can give,
I hold are poor beyond compare,
And empty as the whistling air,
If they against thy love were laid,
Or in love's balances were weighed.
Look thou within! Is not thy breast
Thus troubled with this sweet unrest—
This pleasing sorrow, gladsome pain,
That banished once but comes again?
Of loving thoughts thy counsel take,
And thine own heart will answer make.

Thus mine has been the pleasing task
To answer questions love can ask,
By asking those that to the mind
Suggest the answers we would find.
To tell why southern breezes blow,
Why flowers are sweet, why rivers flow,
Why planets wheel about the sun,
And stars their daily courses run:
All these were easy. Nature's God
Marked out the paths those worlds have trod;
He placed us here that we may feel
What heart can know but not reveal;
And all that we may say or know
Is this—that He ordained it so.

Here ends the task that I essayed,
Read here the answer love has made."

The 26th Annual Communication was held at Beatrice June 19, 1883.

From the Grand Master's decisions we quote:

"A and B have sat in Lodge together and can vouch for each other. B and C have likewise sat in Lodge together, but A and C have never thus met. Can B vouch for A to C—all three being present—so that C can vouch for A in Lodge?

"He cannot. The reason is that for one Mason to "vouch" for others upon the street or anywhere outside a Lodge-room—unless appointed by the Master, an examining committee—is no *avouchment*. No authority exists to "vouch" for another in any such way. An avouchment must always be in open Lodge, or else to a committee duly appointed for the purpose of examination.

"If a member of a Lodge, when a visitor is announced at the door, object to the visitor being received, the objection must be respected and the visitor denied admission.

"12. While to the secretary is intrusted the care and custody of the Lodge records and seal, the Master's control over them is supreme; he has the right to examine them at his pleasure and to carry a key to the place of their deposit. The Grand Lodge holds the *Master* responsible for his Lodge."

We wish we had space for all Grand Orator Reeves' magnificent oration—we can but give the conclusion:

"And now, my brethren, after having taken this brief review of what man *is* and what he *can* be, by conforming his life and conduct to the principles of Masonry, guided by the light of Holy Writ, we can only arrive at a solution of the problem before us by estimating what he may be by thus filling the measure of the Divine purpose in his creation. Intellectually he may shine as one of the stars of heaven; socially, he may be congenial to those with whom he associates, and by the warm sunshine of his friendship he may lighten the burdens and make glad the hearts of those around him. Morally, he may not only fill these measures of human excellence, but with God and the Bible for his master and guide, he may

"So live that when his summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
He goes not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach his grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

But is this the end? No; it is but the beginning. And now we reach the great distinctive glory of man. Masonry, as one of its leading principles and tenets, teaches the cherished doctrine of the immortality of the soul, basing this doctrine upon the positive declaration of its Great Light. It not only *teaches* it, but by beautiful forms and ceremonies it rivets and fastens it upon the mind, heart and consciousness of the craft, reminding them by the acacian sprig of the enduring and abiding confidence in the Celestial Lodge above, where, by the aid of the theological ladder which Jacob in his vision saw, we all hope finally to arrive. Looking forward to the time when the cold winter of death shall have passed and the bright summer morn of the resurrection appears, when the Son of Righteousness shall descend and send forth His angels to collect the ransomed dead, then, if found worthy, shall we receive a ready admittance to the home of the redeemed and glorified in the bright world above. Then shall man be known by man as he is known by his Creator. We now see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. We now see and commingle with each other, burdened as we are with the cares of life, weighed down as we are with the sorrows of earth, and perhaps contending with the besetments which attend this mortal existence; but then shall we know the incorruptible and glorified. The imperishable part within us,

which has been so dimly seen while covered with the veil of mortality, will then shine with all the brightness of the noon day's sun. And then, when all else created shall have passed away and been destroyed, when man shall stand forth as the only created being possessing the attribute of immortality, the only work of His hands which shall endure in its own individuality throughout the countless cycles of eternity, then will the question of the Hebrew bard have been answered, and man will be known as the grandest and noblest work of God.

Chartered Lodges, 90; U. D., 24.
E. A., 551; F. C., 181; M. M., 4417.
M. W. S. Hayes, Grand Master, Norfolk.
R. W. W. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

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## NEVADA—1883.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada held its 19th Annual Communication in the City of Virginia, June 12th, 1883.

M. W. Horatio S. Mason, Grand Master, presented his annual address, which refers at the outset to the death of more than one of the members of the fraternity, but congratulates the G. Lodge that no one of its members had died during the past year. The year in the jurisdiction has been very quiet, and it is pleasing to observe that no difficulties of any kind worthy of remark had occurred.

An address by the Grand Orator, P. D. G. M. Henry Rolfe, is published among the proceedings. Of it this can be said: It is brief, original, sensible and suggestive.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through their Chairman, J. D. Hammond, review the proceedings of 59 Grand Lodges, among them Nova Scotia, in an interesting and thorough manner.

An excellent digest of decisions upon Masonic Jurisprudence, compiled from the proceedings of various Grand Lodges, is appended.

No. of Lodges, 22; of Masons on roll, 1247.
Grand Master, Andrew Nicholls, of Austin.
Grand Secretary, Jno. D. Hammond, of Carson.

## NEW BRUNSWICK—1884.

The seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St. John, commencing on the 22nd April, 1884, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

M. W. W. F. Bunting, Grand Master; Edwin J. Wetmore, G. Secretary. Twenty-two out of thirty-two Lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master's address occupies twenty-six pages of the "Proceedings," and exhibits much thought and care in its preparation. He prefaces the obituary notices as follows:

"The uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, is continually reminding us, who survive, that we too must ere long obey the inexorable summons to take our place "in the narrow house appointed for all living." May we express the confident hope that those who have gone before us, have obtained an entrance into the mansions not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; and that, when we shall have passed the barrier which separates this life from that which is to come, we may also receive a welcome from our Father who is in Heaven."

And among other "prominent craftsmen in sister jurisdictions who have been called to their eternal abiding place," he alludes to the late Prince Leopold, and our own lamented Crewe-Read, as follows:—

"Not only the fraternity but a nation has been called upon recently to mourn the sudden and untimely death of a royal and esteemed brother—His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany (Prince Leopold), the youngest son of our beloved Queen. He and his brothers, the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught, took an active interest in English Craft Masonry. At one and the same time they held the chief offices in the Grand Lodge of England, the Prince of Wales being Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught Senior Grand Warden, and the Duke of Albany Junior Grand Warden. The latter, at the time of his death, was Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. He died at Cannes on the 28th day of March ultimo. The whole heart of the Craft will go out in the deepest sympathetic feeling to his bereaved mother, our beloved Queen, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long spare to her people and the world.

"There died in this city, in our midst, on the 5th inst., R. W. Bro. Charles Crewe-Read, Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, of Sydney, Cape Breton, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Although a comparative stranger among us he, by his genial manner and kindly disposition, found a warm place in the hearts of those who had made his acquaintance. Far away from his family and immediate friends, he received from his brethren here the most unremitting attention, and such loving comfort and consolation as only fraternal hearts can freely give."

A matter which must have been of a somewhat disagreeable nature has occurred between the Grand Master and one of the Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction. Grand Master Bunting considered it necessary to issue the following :—

"It having come to my notice that two or more Lodges within the jurisdiction are in the habit of transacting the general business matters of the Lodge in other than the E. A. Degree, I deem it incumbent on me to ask your attention and that of your Lodge to the following extracts from the Constitution bearing upon the question:

Here follow the extracts showing the right of entered apprentices to be present at the reading of the minutes, &c., &c., &c.

The Grand Master then said:

"In consideration of these matters and feeling that no E. A. should be debarred from the exercise of any privilege of membership conferred upon him by the Constitution, and feeling also that uniformity should prevail in all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, I do hereby require and direct that the Regular Communications of each and every Lodge shall be opened on the E. A. Degree, the minutes read, and all other ordinary business matters transaeted on such degree, so that all members of your Lodge may be privileged to be present and take part therein; and you are further required to have this letter read in open Lodge at the first meeting held after its reception, and to have it entered in full upon the records of your Lodge.

"Given under my hand and the seal of Grand Lodge, at the City of Saint John, the 26th day of October, A. L. 5883."

The Grand Master then says:

"In the course I have pursued in this matter, I am supported by the ancient constitutions, our own laws, and the laws and practice of the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, and the practice of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The two former admit entered apprentices to membership, the latter does not; yet all of them require their Lodges to open their regular communications on the entered apprentice degree, and transact all ordinary business in an E. A. Lodge."

The Grand Master then continues:

"One Lodge, and one only, so far as my knowledge extends, has not done so. Albion Lodge, although for the time being submitting to and carrying out the order, has taken the unusual and unprecedented course of lodging an appeal against my act.

"As an appeal against the official acts and decisions of a Grand Master is a procedure which, I am free to admit, has never come to my knowledge in a pretty

extensive Masonic reading and research over thirty-two years, and which never came to my notice as having taken place in any Masonic jurisdiction during my Grand Secretaryship of nearly twenty-one years, I trust you will pardon me if, in in dealing with this question, I trespass somewhat upon your time and good nature.

"Many competent authorities expressly state that there is no appeal from the decisions and mandates of the Grand Master. There is no provision in our constitutions or of any other Grand Lodge which I have consulted (and I am conversant with a large portion of them), authorizing or even hinting at such a right, and as this appeal or protest is without precedent, I deem it wise and prudent not to allow it to come in such a shape before Grand Lodge, but rather that Grand Lodge should in its wisdom determine the whole procedure, and by resolution or otherwise, pronounce an opinion thereon, which will settle all doubts, and be a guide to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and the craft generally for the time to come.

"All masonic jurists and authorities give it as an universal and positive law, that a master of a private lodge is absolute over and in his lodge, and it is his right to claim strict obedience. The lodge cannot remove, censure or suspend him: cannot vote him from the chair or prevent him taking it. He decides all points of order, ceremonial, usage, custom, masonic law and discipline, and no appeal can be taken from any of his acts or decisions, to the body over which he presides. A strong argument against an appeal from him to his Lodge, lies in the fact that he would, to a great extent, be the judge and executive in hearing and determining his own case.

If an appeal cannot be adjudicated upon by a private lodge against its master, so cannot and should not an appeal be admissible by a grand lodge against the grand master, for the reason that it is his prerogative and right to preside in Grand Lodge (it being out of order for any other brother to occupy the East during his presence), and consequently no complaint or grievance against him can come before Grand Lodge in the form of an appeal, as it is his inalienable right to sit as judge over the acts and deliberations of the body. To suppose that any person could occupy such an anomalous position would be indefensible."

And so on, giving a host of authorities in support of his decision. The Committee on the Address dispose of their share of the question thus :

"With reference to the important matter referred to by the Grand Master in sections 7 and 8 of his address, the committee have not, in the time at their disposal, been able to give them that full consideration under the light of Masonic law and authority which their very great importance demands. They recommend the whole matter to the careful consideration of Grand Lodge to be discussed, if discussion be necessary, with prudence and discretion, and with the feeling that harmony, which is the foundation and cap-stone of masonry, should prevail. In view of what has arisen, it is, in the judgment of the committee,

most desirable that Grand Lodge should expressly declare upon what degree the ordinary business of a private Lodge should be transacted, or whether it should be left to the master to decide in his own discretion."

Grand Master, John V. Ellis. Grand Secretary, Edwin J. Wetmore.

Lodges, 32; Master Masons, 1916.

Annual Communication in 1885, St. John, April 28th.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1883.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire had its usual Semi-Annual Communication in December, 1882. Work was exemplified and a banquet was partaken of by the officers and members.

The 94th Annual Communication was held on May 16th, 1883, at Concord, presided over by M. W. Alpheus W. Baker, who delivered a hopeful and well considered address. He presented a summary of the statistics of the Grand Lodge, showing an increase of membership of 146 during the year. The present membership being 7,987. The Grand Master referred to the subject of discipline, and strenuously and with ability attacked lottery schemes and such methods of obtaining funds for Grand Lodge purposes, and the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"That gambling enterprises, by Lodges or Masons, under whatever name prosecuted in the interests of Masonry or otherwise, are in the opinion of this Grand body unlawful and immoral, and ought not to be permitted or countenanced among Masons."

We heartily endorse this severe but justifiable resolution.

Decisions upon questions of a local nature were rendered. On the question of foreign relations, he reported in a general way that they have been courteous and fraternal—affording deep satisfaction to the members of the Craft in New Hampshire.

The reports of the District Deputies are interesting, and show a commendable quantity of work being done throughout the jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge approved of a proposition to establish a Masonic Orphans' Home, and instructed its Committee to make for-

mal application to the State Legislature for a Charter, with a view to immediate practical work.

The report of A. S. Wait, for the Committee of Correspondence, is a strong and sensible document—thoroughly Masonic—genial, appreciative and kindly. Nova Scotia is pleasantly noticed.

No. Lodges, 76; Membership, 7,987.

Grand Master, M. W. John Francis Webster; Grand Secretary, Geo. P. Cleaves (re-elected.)

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## NEW JERSEY—1884.

Ninety-seventh Annual Communication, January 23rd and 24th, 1884. M. W. and Rev. H. Vehslage, presiding.

The Grand Master had granted dispensations to shorten the time for the 3rd degree in two cases only, and only "for substantial and valid reasons."

We quote the following decisions:

"In Masonic trials the testimony of an E. A. or F. C. should be given in the same manner as that of a profane.

"When one or more members of a Lodge are engaged as an examining committee, or upon such other duty as the W. M. may have assigned them, the balloting for a candidate which concludes before they are called into the Lodge-room, is irregular."

Under the heading "Necrology" grateful tributes of respect are paid to the memory of R. W. Bro. W. R. Clapp, who died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven, and treasurer of a lodge at the time of his death; as also to the memory of Bro. Amos Howell, who died at the advanced age of eighty, after having held the office of Grand Tyler for thirty-two years.

Reports are presented every year in New Jersey from the Deputy G. Master, the Senior G. Warden, the Junior G. Warden, and the G. Instructor.

The Commmitte on Jurisprudence in their report touching the decisions of the Grand Master make what seems to us a strange recommendation. Here it is:

"Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following, as explanatory of the 4th decision of the M. W. Grand Master:

"'A Brother who has lost his opportunity to ballot upon a candidate by reason

of absence from the Lodge-room, in the performance of duties assigned to him by the Worshipful Master, must claim his right to vote at the first opportunity thereafter, and before the candidate is initiated, otherwise the irregularities will be waived.'"

Suppose a brother in the ante-room on duty at the time of the ballot should claim this "right to vote at the first opportunity thereafter, and before the candidate is initiated," and should deposit a black ball, what becomes of the secrecy of the ballot? The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

In the estimates for 1884 we notice the following:

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| Salary Grand Secretary | $ 1,500 00 |
| Salary Grand Treasurer | 100 00 |
| Salary Grand Instructor | 300 00 |
| Salary Grand Tyler | 30 00 |
| Office expenses Grand Secretary | 500 00 |
| Printing and engraving | 1,250 00 |
| Official expenses | 2,300 00 |

Bro. Hough, we congratulate you; you might go further and fare much worse. Yet not a bit too well paid considering the work done and the education required to be qualified to do it. Your Representative has been accustomed to R. W. for the last twenty years, then why curtail him of his fair proportions (see your page 63.) Please, also, rub out *a* and put in *e*.

R. W. Bro. James A. Norton presents a most excellent and most instructive report on Foreign Correspondence, covering 136 pages, in which 45 American G. Lodges (N. S. included) and some others are submitted to a thoroughly exhaustive review.

R. W. Grand Secretary Hough, and Past G. Master, Hardacre are the other contributors.

Grand Master and G. Secretary both re-elected.

Lodges, 150; members, 12,077.

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## NEW YORK—1883.

The Annual Communication was held in the City of New York, June 5, A. L. 5883, M. W. Bro. Flagler, Grand Master, in the Grand East, (of whom an excellent steel engraved likeness adorns the volume of Proceedings.)

The representative of Nova Scotia (W. Bro. L. J. Belloni) was present. In the Grand Master's able address we find the following on "Trials":

"When complaint is made against a brother it is due to him that, unless the charges are sustained upon the trial by competent evidence, he be acquitted. Cases have come to me on appeal where I have found that convictions have been had upon very insufficient evidence, and sometimes where there was an entire absence of proof. In all such cases I have been subjected to pressure brought to affirm the proceedings, and given as reasons therefor certain personal opinions as to the general character of the accused, and matters not appearing in the case. All this seems to me improper and irregular, and is very embarrassing to a reviewing officer whose duty is to pass upon every case as it appears from the record. I do not allude to a proper argument upon the merits of a case, but to statements which would not be admittted as evidence upon a trial, and intended to create an adverse impression against an accused party, and which form no part of the case. An officer of our army once said: "Courts martial are organized for speedy trial and sure conviction;" and this impression seems to have obtained among some of our lodges.

"Every man must be deemed innocent until proved guilty, and his guilt must be proven by competent evidence, as well on a masonic trial as any other. One of the first lessons taught us in masonry is to render to every man his just due without distinction, and as justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, so should it be the invariable practice of every mason never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof, or allow passion to overcome the principle of equity."

In the Catalogue of the Library it is pleasant to see that the Grand Lodge proceedings of Nova Scotia are there from 1866 to 1882.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies 143 pages, and includes notices of Spain and the Grand Orient of Italy. We are glad to note in the former "Masonry acknowledges a Creator under the name of T. G. A. O. T. U.":

"It grants liberty of conscience, thought and speech, and proclaims the principle of universal toleration. It knows no distinction on account of nationality, race or creed, and prohibits in its assemblies the discussion of party relations, political factions and religion."

But of Italy we are sorry to note that:

"The Grand Orient also issued a circular advising the lodges to labor—without violating the masonic law—to effect an expression of the true will of the people

at the next political election, and to see that the candidates elected further all reforms for which the nation is anxious."

The Committee is pleased to say we "presented a very acceptable report," and to notice Nova Scotia cordially.

Number of Lodges, 788; Master Masons, 70,700.

Grand Master, M. W. J. Edward Simmons, N. Y.; Grand Sec'y, Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.

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## NORTH CAROLINA—1884.

Grand Master (re-elected), Robert Bingham. G. Secretary, D. W. Bain. No. of chartered Lodges, 369. Under dispensation, 7. Represented, 80.

The G. M.'s address is a masterly document, evidencing much ability and a careful attention to the interests of the craft.

Five Grand Lecturers are appointed, who are examined and tested as to their qualifications by exemplification of work before receiving their commissions. In this jurisdiction this office is neither a sinecure nor a matter of course, but the lecturers are well-selected, and appear to do their work faithfully.

The Craft in North Carolina carry on with great success one very commendable institution, viz: an orphan asylum for boys and girls. The children are taught and cared for till they are able to work for themselves, and are then provided with suitable homes. During the last year the total contributions for this charitable object amounted to the large sum of $14,308.87, and the disbursements to $12,851·67. There are at present 125 children in the asylum. The report of the superintendent is full and able. We congratulate the brethren of North Carolina on the privileges they have, both in using and supporting so noble an Institution.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

## OHIO—1883.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication began at Columbus Oct. 16, 1883, M. W. Grand Master Charles C. Kiefer in the Grand East.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, John D. Caldwell, represented Nova Scotia, and four other Grand Lodges.

There is in this Grand Lodge a very strong temperance feeling —*e. g.* :

"*May 31st.* The following enquiries were received and answered as below :—

"1st. Under the Scott Law would there be any objection to a man becoming a Mason who is engaged in selling liquor (by retail); all other qualifications being good? *Answer*: Yes.

"*June 8th.* The following letter was received :—

"'Lodge No. 104 is the owner of the building in which it holds its meetings. I am one of the Trustees of the Lodge. The Lodge rents the first story of the building to a party who desires to retail intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises where sold. At the last stated meeting of the Lodge a resolution was passed, directing the Trustees of the Lodge to consent, in writing, to the lease, allowing liquors to be sold at retail, under the 'Scott Law,' to be drunk on the premises.'

"*Answered:* 'Not having the 'Scott Law' before me, I do not remember what its provisions are. A license to sell liquors for medicinal purposes *only*, on the prescription of a reputable physician would be right and proper; but a Lodge that should persist in its order to its Trustees to indorse a license to retail liquors to be drunk on its premises would be doing that which is utterly inconsistent with the teachings of Masonry, and I should most certainly arrest the Charter of such Lodge."

And we recall in a former address of the G. M. the following—(see Maryland, 1883, pages 115, 116.)

Surely the profane will begin to learn that Masonic gatherings are not all, at least, likely to be connected with excess in drinking. The Grand Master has been called upon to do a good deal of work during the year. Help, even to everflowing, was sent to aid the sufferers in 'the great flood.' The report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. Richard is a most excellent one. He well explains the labor of producing it:

"*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio:—*

"The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents herewith his third annual report. Few persons without actual experi-

ence, can form anything like a correct idea of the amount of time, labor—brain labor— and care, required in the preparation of such reports. To be sure, there is some compensation in the pleasure afforded, the intellectual feast partaken of, the wide range of information obtained, and the exchange of fraternal salutations; but to the man whose regular business hours of the six working days of every week are fully occupied winning the necessaries and some of the comforts for wife and family, it becomes first a recreation, second a labor, and finally a task to be dreaded. After a three years' trial the undersigned can say, in all sincerity, the position is no sinecure, and yet there is a certain sort of fascination about it that creates a lingering regret at the parting with familiar friends, whose faces have appeared only in dreams, but whose hearts, always warm, and whose hands, ever ready, have been prompt at all times to extend a brotherly greeting.

"To examine fifty odd volumes of Proceedings, to read ten thousand pages of print, mainly by lamp light; to mark a passage here and a passage there for further and more careful reading; to select matter only of general interest; to copy; to condense; to comment, consumes time, that, unless he who undertakes it be a man of wealth and leisure, must come from hours that should be given to rest and sleep.

"Brethren, the result of our labor is before you; examine it carefully, and if a single individual is made wiser and happier by anything therein contained, we are satisfied."

We thank our Bro. for the compliment on our endeavors—it is exactly what he says our report is, "concise to a fault," but then "brevity is the soul of wit," and printing costs money. The notice of Nova Scotia (nearly a page) is most fraternally cordial.

M. W. Grand Master, Joseph M. Goodspeed, Athens.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.

Lodges, 528; M. M., 31,053.

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## OREGON—1883.

The 23rd Annual Communication was held at Portland, June 11, 5883.

M. W. Grand Master, Joseph N. Dolph, was in his place.

We have no representative from N. S. near this Grand Lodge. In the Grand Master's address we are glad to find that he could say:

"We meet under very pleasant auspices. While the year has brought its adversities and misfortunes to some, as a people we have great cause for gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for his watchful care over us and the

manifold blessings we have enjoyed, and as Masons we have especial cause for thanksgiving for the degree of prosperity he has vouchsafed to our institution. The past year has been a year of prosperity in this State, without a parallel in its history. Peace and plenty have prevailed, and want has not been known within our borders. No pestilence has visited us. No great calamity has befallen us. Law and order have prevailed. Our people have gathered and marketed one abundant harvest, and are cheered with bright prospects for another."

From his official decisions we take:

"*Question.*—At a called communication for the purpose of initiating or passing a candidate, is it necessary to open in any degree except the one in which the Lodge expects to work?

"*Answer.*—In answer I quote from the report of the committee on masonic law and jurisprudence, found on page 79 of the proceedings of 1881: "It is further held by your committee that it is proper and regular for the worshipful master to commence and open a Lodge of entered apprentices or fellow crafts for the purpose of conferring the degrees, without opening the Lodge in the master mason's degree.

"*Question.*—If the master of a Lodge should remove from the jurisdiction of his Lodge, and the duty devolve upon the senior warden of opening and governing the Lodge, is the senior warden, in such a case, the proper officer to sign warrants drawn on the treasurer and approve minutes; and if so, should he sign the master's name or his own?

"*Answer.*—In case of the absence of the worshipful master, it is the duty of the senior warden to open and govern the Lodge, and in such a case he is the proper officer to sign warrants upon the treasurer for moneys ordered paid at the session of the Lodge at which he presided. In so doing he acts as senior warden, and should sign the minutes and warrants with his own name as senior warden."

Brother Chadwick presents a report on Foreign Correspondence, extending over 120 pages.

In the notice of Nova Scotia there is kindly mention of our last year's work, and good wishes for the Grand Lodge of N. S., for which we return thanks fraternal; but Brother Chadwick does not approve of all our doings; he says of us:

"There is a proposition to amend the constitution relative to the election of officers, providing that should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. This is not right. The field should be open and kept open for candidates. Often the brother mentioned at the eleventh hour succeeds to position. The two highest may at last be the lowest in a contest, if the field is kept open."

We heartily wish we had the ability Brother Chadwick displays in his report, for ours would be the better worth reading. 31 are numbered among "Departed Brethren." On the memorial engraving only 29 are named: we hope the other two still tread the tesselated floor below, and that some one has counted wrong. The Grand Orator's address fills 11 closely printed pages. He begins very humbly:

"It is with feelings of deep solicitude and many doubts of my ability to properly perform the important duty assigned me, that I come before you my brethren, on this occasion, and in the language of the gifted American poet, N. P. Willis, I may truly say:

'I stand not here in wisdom's sacred stole,
My lips have not been touched with holy fire.
An humbler office than a counsellor
Of human duties, and an humbler place
Would better grace my knowledge and my years.'"

He proceeds:

"In my remarks at this time I am inclined to consider Masonry under two heads, to wit: First—the philosophy of the Order, in so far as it engages in speculations on the nature of man as an immortal, social and responsible being; and second—its teachings and practice as applied to the various relations of life.

"While I would not detract from the well-earned honors of other organizations founded upon purely moral principles, I am persuaded that it is better designed for the accomplishment of its high purposes than any other organization of this class. The Church is not taken into consideration in this connection, for the reason that, while it teaches morality, it goes further and claims, through its instrumentality, to lead men to that Divine source of light and purity where they are regenerated in their spiritual natures and freed from the condemnation of sin through the blood of Christ. Masonry does not claim so exalted a mission, but it may well be termed the handmaid of religion, as there is not a thought in all its teachings but what may be traced to God's written word; not one but is recognized by every devoted Christian, and not a word among its passwords, save one, but is found in the Holy Bible.

"In the year 1717 there met in London, England, the representatives of four Lodges, for the purpose of forming the first Grand Lodge in that country. That was only 166 years ago, and yet in that short period the Mystic Brotherhood has grown until we now have 15,000 Lodges in the whole world, with a contributing membership of about 5,000,000. These are scattered throughout the nations of the earth and the islands of the sea. The sun in his daily course never sets on Masonry, but shines with the resplendent beauty of his meridian height upon her mystic temples. That Masonry is doing much good in the world cannot be

denied; that it fails to do more is to be regretted. But it is unreasonable to expect perfection in any human institution, because humanity is weak and imperfect, and while precepts are perfect, practice fails. Our theories may reach to the stars, but our halting feet will hardly gain the hill-tops. What the future of Masonry will be depends upon what the present is, to a great extent.

"There is a charming tradition connected with the site upon which the Temple of Solomon was erected, which fitly illustrates the spirit of love which our Order teaches. The ground upon which the temple was built is said to have been owned in common by two brothers, one of whom had a family, the other had none. On the spot was sown a field of wheat. In due time the grain was harvested and gathered into separate shocks, and on the succeeding evening the elder brother said to his wife: "My younger brother lives alone without a companion; he has no one to assist him in his labors, nor reward him for his toils, while God has bestowed upon me a wife and children to bless me. I will therefore, by way of compensation, take of our sheaves and place them with his, without his knowledge." The younger brother, being actuated by like motives, said within himself: "My elder brother has a family to support, while I have none. I will contribute to their support by taking of my sheaves and secretly adding them to his." Judge of their mutual surprise when the following morning they found their shocks undiminished. This course of events transpired for several nights, when each resolved in his own mind to stand guard and solve the mystery; they did so, and the following night met each other half way between their respective shocks with arms full of golden grain. Upon ground hallowed by such associations as these the magnificent temple was erected, and Masonry has been ever engaged since in teaching Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth to the nations of earth. A lesson of charity is one of the first given in our Order, and like a thread of gold it runs through all its teachings. Faith, Hope and Charity are the principal rounds of Jacob's ladder, by which all good Masons hope to arrive at that starry-decked heaven, whose columns are Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Masons are taught not to herald their good works to the world; their charity should be like the cooling moisture from the sylvan fountains, borne by the breath of the morning to the surrounding flowers, giving them life and beauty, yet no hand is seen and no voice heard save the song of the fountain. And, oh what sad blunders we often make.

"These clumsy feet still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust
Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?"

"And I fear that our hands are not always even well-meaning in their thrusts. 'Hand to back,' should be to support a falling brother, not to stab him with a dagger. We must make practical use of the beautiful teachings of our Order, and bring them to bear on the affairs of everyday life, if it is to be perpetuated in the world and respected by men. It must be something more than a rose-tinted dream, or a sublime theory; it must be a living, acting epitome of truth, morality and fraternal love. It was a beautiful fancy of the poet when he said, that the song he had breathed into the air, he found again, without the loss of a single note, long, long afterwards in the heart of a friend. So true friendship is ever breathing its sweet songs into the air; and so, too, it shall find them all again, from beginning to end, in the hearts into which they come. Nothing that love does is ever lost."

Lodges, 65; Master Masons, 2,981.
M. W. W. T. Wright, Grand Master, Union.
R. W. F. J. Babcock, G. Sec., Salem.

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## PENNSYLVANIA—1883.

The volume for A. L. 5883 contains Reports of four Quarterly Communications, and of the Grand Annual Communication, bearing the repective dates: March 7, June 6, Sept. 5, Dec. 5 and 27.

The Grand Master, R. W. Conrad B. Day, was in his place on all these occasions. (By the way—why is he not styled *Most* Worshipful as are all other Grand Masters?) Pennsylvania is not one of the few Grand jurisdictions that object to "Representatives," but it does not appear that there is any exchange of such officers between her and Nova Scotia!

In point of typography this book is one of the best we receive.

The Committee on Appeals seems to do its work well. The following extracts we deem worthy of note:

"It has been repeatedly decided by Grand Lodge that cases and disputes arising from business connections or relations must be adjudicated by the proper legal authorities of the land; our Lodges cannot be converted into civil courts nor can they be used to force settlements of such disputes. The Craft must divest their minds of the too prevalent idea that they can at any time resort to their Lodges for the purpose of coercing, threatening or punishing a Brother for a business transaction in which they may feel aggrieved. A Brother overtaken by misfortune, unable to pay his indebtedness to a Brother Mason is not sufficient cause for charges that he has violated his Masonic obligation; such a test of Masonry would

be in conflict with its cardinal principles, involve the Fraternity in constant turmoil and disorder, and result in engendering unpleasant relations between them.

"Masonry has not provided any court to enforce the payment of business debts; insolvency is not a Masonic offence, and the Masonic obligation is not a good collateral security for the payment of a debt, and cannot be foreclosed as a pawn or pledge. The threat of expulsion from the benefits of Freemasonry ought not to be used as a thumbscrew to compel an unfortunate Brother to beg or borrow enough money to pay his debts to members of the Craft. If a Mason is unable to pay his debts, and has no property which he conceals from his creditors, he ought not to be expelled as a malefactor."

From the Grand Master's decisions we cull:

"In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Wardens, the warrant being present, and a District Deputy Grand Master present, he cannot open the Lodge. It must be done either by the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens.

"A Lodge having voted to omit the stated meetings in the month of July and August, the Worshipful Master cannot hold a regular stated meeting in either of those months. He can call a special meeting, but cannot receive or act on any petition for membership, or initiation and membership, at any special meeting.

"A member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, residing in another Jurisdiction, who commits any offence for which he would be liable to charges and trial in the Lodge of which he is a member, may be tried and disciplined by the Lodge nearest to which he may be residing.

"Neither a Lodge, nor the officers and members thereof in their individual capacity, can be permitted to give an entertainment in the Lodge room, nor in any other place as a Lodge, to an assemblage including persons who are not Masons.

"Neither a second nor a third petition for initiation and membership can be withdrawn on the favorable report of the committee of inquiry, but the applicant must be balloted for. If the ballot is unanimous in favor of the applicant, the petition may then be withdrawn."

We observe that the Right Rev. Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D. of Pittsburgh is a Grand Chaplain—although another Prelate has fulminated against us from the Vatican. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present an excellent Report extending over 75 pages, in which Nova Scotia receives kindly and fraternal notice. Brother Vaux has no need to be so "submissive"—"critics" cannot hurt him much!

R. W. G. Master, Conrad B. Day, Philadelphia.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Michael Nisbet, Philadelphia.

Lodges, 562; Master Masons, 35,527.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1881, 1882, 1883.

We have a wonderfully compendious little volume of 102 pages. It contains the proceedings at the Semi-Annual Communication at Summerside, 21st Dec., 5881, the Seventh Annual Communication held at Charlottetown, 26 June, 5882, and the Eighth at the same place, 25th June, 5883, seven memorial pages to brothers of Foreign Jurisdictions, the Constitution, &c., &c. Every thing concerning this Jurisdiction must interest us of Nova Scotia, from whom P. E. I. was so lately severed; and we are therefore sorry to read the following in the G. M.'s last address:

"The year which has just ended has not been one of particular interest to the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction. Nothing of importance has taken place to disturb the even tenor of our institution.

"You will find by the returns from the Subordinate Lodges that in most instances there is a decrease in membership. With our small population and limited extent of territory we cannot expect a rapid increase to our numbers; but you will observe the falling off is largely owing to suspension for non-payment of dues. It is a matter of great regret that we have Brethren amongst us who so lightly value the great privileges and honor of our association. I believe the dues are placed at the lowest possible price, and can easily be paid each year by any Brother unless sick or absolutely needy. If we have any such amongst us I feel sure they will receive that forbearance which they merit. I particularly call the attention of the Worshipful Masters to the question of dues with the hope that some means may be devised to collect more promptly, and thus prevent a large accumulation of arrears which generally ends in suspension.

"In my opinion if the services of the Grand Lecturer were more generally taken advantage of by Lodges in the country, and our work and ritual better worked and better understood, it would, whilst adding to the attractiveness and good working of the Lodges, tend to secure a better attendance and cause a more active interest to prevail."

Our Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1882 are acknowledged, but there is no report from the committee on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. B. W. Higgs was present as our representative.

M. W. G. M., John Yeo, Port Hill (re-elected the ninth time.)

R. W. G. S., W. Wakeford, Charlottetown (re-elected the 5th time.)

Lodges, 12; Master Masons, 454.

## QUEBEC—1884.

Fourteenth Annual Communication, Quebec, January 30th and 31st, 1884, M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Grand Master on the throne; R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson. Grand Secretary.

Forty-seven Lodges were represented. Twenty-eight Grand Lodges were represented, and Nova Scotia was conspicuous by its absence.

We cheerfully reproduce here the following letters from two very eminent Masons as indicating the current of feeling on this side of the Atlantic, anent the unwarrantable attack upon Grand Lodge Sovereignty here by the "old folks at home."

Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.,

Office of the Grand Master,

BARRIE, Ont., 10th January, 1884.

MY DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your very kind invitation of the 5th ult. to be present at the next Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge to be held at Sherbrooke, on the 30th inst., and regret exceedingly my inability to enjoy, what to me, would be a very great pleasure. I have the date in my diary, since I saw R. W. Bro. Stearnes in Hamilton some months ago, and had mapped out for myself the enjoyment of a few days in the company of brethren whom I highly esteem, in participating in the assemblage of a Grand Lodge, for which I have never held a wavering or half-hearted support. In days gone by, when the clouds were darker than they are to-day, with a few others, I did not fear to defend your righteous cause, and now when a common aggression is at the doors of both our Grand Lodges, there should be unity, with mutual defence and protection in boldly asserting our rights. Unfortunately I am just recovering from a bilious cold and ulcerated throat, and my physician positively forbids me travelling. I am terribly disappointed, but my best wishes will be with you.

I am,

My Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DANIEL SPRY,

*G. M. G. L. C.*

E. R. JOHNSON, Esq.,

*Grand Master of Quebec, Stanstead.*

PORTLAND, Maine, January 24, 1884.

"MY VERY DEAR BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your fraternal favor of yesterday, inviting me to attend the session of your Grand Lodge as its guest next Wednesday.

"It would give me very great pleasure to accept the invitation with which you honor me, but a professional engagement in the Supreme Court at Washington will probably take me there on the very day of your session.

"It always gives me pleasure to meet my brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but if I *could* be there, I should hold it to be my duty this year to give you whatever support my presence would afford against the most unwarrantable and unfraternal attack upon your sovereignty. But I am the less grieved at my inability to be present, because I have the most perfect confidence that the prudent wisdom that has heretofore guided your action will still be exercised. You will have my hearty sympathy and warmest wishes.

"Moreover, I have faith that knows no doubt that you will be victorious; for is not Masonry the pursuit of truth, and will not truth prevail?

"Return my sincere thanks to the M. W. Grand Master for his kindly remembrance of me, and accept the same for yourself for the complimentary manner in which you have carried out his directions.

"Yours fraternally,

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND."

"JOHN H. ISAACSON, Esq.,
"Grand Secretary, &c."

The Grand Master's address accupies about 18 pages of the book before us. The subject, "Relations with England," is fully considered. The history of their struggle with Scotland and England for complete independence and undivided Grand Lodge Sovereignty in the Province of Quebec is ably set forth. This struggle has been going on now for fourteen years and yet Grand Master Johnson of Quebec is compelled to write as follows:

"I have thus endeavored to follow the principle of exclusive jurisdiction as understood by this Grand Lodge from the time of its formation until I was called upon to preside over its deliberations and measurably guide its destinies. Another year has passed, and I fear the breach is wider to-day than it was. The happy realization of our fond hopes, labors and efforts, seems indefinitely deferred. If we may judge from the tone of the public press, a most deplorable state of affairs exists in masonic circles in this Province, and all arising out of England's determination to maintain her position, or rather, perhaps, the determination of these three private lodges to continue with that grand body and bid defiance to the only legally constituted Masonic authority now existing in this Province. England has recognized Grand Lodges who, in their turn, have recognized us. They Her peer, We Their peer, and yet not Her peer.

"In recognizing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of England used the following language, sentiments so inconsistent with her presen attitude toward us: 'Having perused your book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our Order reflects honor on its original founders. We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours; amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the Order. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily free, independent and equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority, or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio.*'

"She, to whom we are bound by so many ties, refuses to do for us that which she has done for the stranger. The question now comes with increased force, Shall this state of affairs longer continue? Shall we tamely and quietly submit to have our rights trespassed on, and our territory occupied by others? Shall we content ourselves with the delusive declaration that we are a sovereign grand body? With all due deference to that Mother Grand Lodge whom we love so much, and of whose ancestry, benevolence, renown and glory we are so proud, I unhesitatingly answer no! The time for action has arrived. I fear a longer submission will tarnish our fair name and record with those sixty-three Grand Lodges who have extended to us the fraternal hand of welcome as being their peer, an independent Sovereign Grand Body. Many of them received us in an hour of danger and peril, gave us much comfort and support and wished us Godspeed. Our Masonic standing in the Masonic world, our honor, dignity and integrity, demand your earnest and immediate attention to this question. Let us either exercise our constitutional privileges and maintain the landmarks, or hereafter hold our peace. We have done all in our power to obtain an amicable adjustment of these differences. I advise that we now assert our rights, avow our position. That all who are not with us are against us, and declare Masonic non-intercourse with those Lodges who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register. This to be preceded by due notice. Such, after much thought and reflection, are my views. I submit them to you, leaving the matter in your hands, believing that your calm and deliberate judgment will dictate to you that which is for the best."

The unhappy, unfortunate, unwarrantable, and we regret to say, unfraternal attitude taken by the Grand Lodge of England towards Quebec is causing profound irritation not only in the latter Jurisdiction but elsewhere. Recognized, as she is to day, by the other 54 Grand Lodges on this Continent as independent, and sovereign within her own territory, the day may not be far distant when these fifty-four Grand Lodges shall feel it a duty incumbent upon them to make

her quarrel theirs. We in Nova Scotia feel deeply interested in the present difficulty. We were the first Colonial Grand Lodge to extend to her the right hand of fellowship, and having recognized her right to exclusive sovereignity over the Province of Quebec we will be the last to recede from that position. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has complete and undivided control within her own territorial limits, and we claim for Quebec the same status. We have a Lodge, it is true, in our midst, not under our obedience, but then this is purely a matter of convenience; its material is ever changing—here to-day—away to-morrow. *We* permit the existence of this Lodge in our midst, because it is to the especial interest of its members to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge at home, and for no other reason. We live in perfect harmony with this lodge, because its members are honorable men, and because our rejected material never has been, and we feel assured, never will be accepted by it, in a spirit of opposition. Of this fine Lodge we are quite willing to say: *semper floreat* and it will no doubt flourish and exist here *quamdiu se bene gesserit.*

R. W. Brother Isaacson whose visit to Halifax some years ago is still remembered with pleasure by the older members of the Craft here, says in concluding his report:

"Your Grand Secretary in the prosecution of certain of his defined duties during the past year, has been subjected to some trifling annoyance, arising out of his arrest on the charge of publishing a 'criminal libel." He attaches no importance to the occurrence, but as it has transpired, in the performance of routine duty, it is incumbent that it be mentioned. These are the facts. In the month of August last, a Worshipful Master of a Lodge in the City of Montreal, holding under a Foreign jurisdiction, namely, that of England, induced by motives into which your Grand Secretary declines to be interested, (could it be the hope—illusive hope!—to impede the progress of this Grand Lodge?) *stabbed your Grand Secretary with a feather!* The victim still survives! and has the satisfaction to see that Grand Lodge, having gotten rid of the insignificant aggressor, continues its course 'onward and forward,' apparently oblivious of the event.

"Your Grand Secretary hopes the G. L. of Q. may never have a more formidable opponent."

The Committee on "State of Masonry" in their report on the Grand Master's address say among other things:

"Fully recognizing the grave importance to this Grand Lodge of any proceedings it may adopt in regard to its relations with England; and well aware of

the measure of responsibility they assume in advising in the premises, your Committee desire to say that they have pondered well on the views, expressions and advice of the M. W. G. M. on the subject; they have carefully followed and studied his statements and arguments, have verified each and every one of them, with this result, viz: It is their duty to recommend Grand Lodge, in view of the past and present course of the Grand Lodge of England, so truthfully traced by the M. W. G. M., and her persistence to encourage within our territory the existence of lodges holding warrants from her, and which continue to violate and set at nought the rights privileges and prerogatives of this Grand Lodge, thus depriving this Grand Lodge of its sovereign, independent, and exclusive jurisdiction over its territory; to follow the advice given by the M. W. the Grand Master, namely,—after due notice, to declare non-intercourse with all lodges and brethren in the Province of Quebec who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register.

Your committee doubt not but that if the course now advised, be pursued firmly yet judiciously, a speedy and final consummation will be arrived at. It will take less than the fourteen years already past, of attempted conciliation to bring about the entire unity of government of the Craft in our jurisdiction so much to be desired.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Meeting January 28, 1885, at Montreal.

Lodges, 58; members, 2,840.

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## RHODE ISLAND—1882, 1883.

This neat pamphlet has as a frontispiece, a good steel engraving of P. D. G. M. James Salsbury, a venerable brother born in the State in 1791 and made in 1822, and buried with full Masonic honors, 1872, having been a Mason half a century.

The Grand Lodge met in Providence Nov. 20, 5882. M. W. Thos. Vincent, G. M. in the East. Nova Scotia was duly represented. Again the G. L. met May 21, 5883, under similar circumstances, when the Grand Master delivered his address of which we give the conclusion:

"And now, Brethren, what shall the future of Freemasonry be? It is to some extent in our keeping. Let us endeavour to raise high its standard, so that our grand old Institution—having for its foundation Belief in God, having for its support Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, having for its great principles Love to God and Love to Man, and embracing in its great Brotherhood men of all nations,

countries, sects and opinions—will in the future, as in the past, prove a blessing, not only to us as Masons, but to all mankind."

The report on Foreign Correspondence refers but to Arizona, Ontario, Peru, and Utah, which is thus explained:

"At the last session of the Grand Lodge the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was authorized to review the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges and report on matters of general interest found in these publications. The illness of the Chairman of the Committee, and subsequently increasing demands upon his time and attention, have prevented the accomplishment of what was intended in this direction.

"Your Committee, therefore, in the report herewith submitted, would only call attention to papers that have been referred to them, or matters which seem to call for some specific action on the part of this Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 35; Master Masons, 3654.
M. W. G. M., Lyman Klapp, Providence.
R. W. G. Sec., Edwin Baker, Providence.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA—1883.

Grand Master, W. W. Humphreys; Grand Sec'y, C. Inglesby.
Number of Lodges chartered, 168; U. D., 3; Represented, 132.
We quote from the Grand Master's address the following remarks on the utility of Foreign Correspondence:

"I am more than ever impressed with the usefulness of our Foreign Correspondence, and commend to your careful consideration the very able, instructive and methodical report which our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has prepared. In it you will perceive what is transpiring in other jurisdictions, the status of Masonry in their midst, and the questions which are agitating them, together with their estimate of ourselves, as a Grand Lodge. It not only tends to enlighten, but to stimulate us. You will perceive that upon two great questions, viz: The doctrines of perpetual allegiance and physical qualification many Grand Lodges have relaxed the rigidity of their former rules. We stand where we have always stood, with unalterable devotion to them, as landmarks, too venerable and right to be departed from. Conscious of the correctness of our position, and assured of their beneficent influence on true Craft Masonry, may the day never come when this Grand Body will sanction a departure from either of them."

We endorse especially his sentiments on allegiance and physical disqualifications.

The Craft is laboring, as so many other jurisdictions are also, under a heavy burden of debt, which we hope the vigorous efforts being made will successfully clear off.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee present a voluminous report, which reviews 58 Grand Lodges, and is a model of graceful and interesting compilation.

Nova Scotia receives kindly notice.

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## TENNESSEE—1884.

The 70th Annual Communication was held January 29th, 1884. M. W. Newton W. McConnell, Grand Master, presiding. Amongst the Representatives of other Grand Lodges we do not see the name of Brother Blackie of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address was most able—we make the following extracts:

"It has been a year of unexampled prosperity to our State. The Great Architect of the Universe has indeed smiled propitiously upon us. His Fatherly hand has kept from our borders 'the pestilence that walketh in darkness,' and 'the destruction that wasteth at noonday.' He has given 'the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thy oil." Abundant harvests have rewarded our toil, and our granaries are full. Our people have obeyed the laws better than during any previous year, and peace and good order prevail everywhere. Our cities have grown as they never did before. The hand of the operative Mason has been upon them, and many buildings of beautiful architectural designs have been erected. Our great channels of trade are crowded with a busy commerce, and I am glad to say that our Order has partaken of this prosperity. The signs everywhere indicate that we are again on the high-road to success-

"Brethren, in the midst of all this progress and prosperity, let us not forget that old landmark of Masonry—a belief in the existence of God as the great Architect of the Universe. It stands out as the great Alpine peak, conspicuous from afar, amid the other eternal truths that make up the principles of our Order. Let us humble ourselves before Him, and stand with uncovered and bowed heads while we thank Him for His manifold merciesand blessings.

"Feeling the importance of a revival in Masonry, I sought for some means, early in my administration, to reach that end. And by revival I do not mean the acquisition of new members, so much as the awakening to a new and higher life the membership we already had. I found scattered all over the State an army of non-affiliates, whose ranks were continually being filled by fresh recruits from the

Lodges. My first effort was to arrest this stream of desertion which threatened to deplete many of our Lodges to such an extent that they must inevitably perish. I found another army that, while they still retained their membership, rarely ever attended the Lodge Communications; and, while they have a name to live, were really Masonically dead. To arouse and resuscitate these was another important end to be accomplished. Among these two armies were many valuable brethren. To reach them and bring them back to their first love, was a matter of the very first importance.

"Freemasonry only hopes to win members from among the good and noble of the world by the devotion of its members to its principles. It plants a vineyard, and says to its votaries, Go, work therein. It erects a high standard of moral character, and exacts of its members conformity thereto. Surrounded by such demoralizing influences as a host of straggling non-affiliates without the camp, and another host of idle loungers within it, we could not expect the Order to make much headway in the acquisition of new and valuable material."

In the very well drawn Report on Foreign Correspondence our Jurisdiction receives due and fraternal notice. Concerning G. M. Laurie's address Brother William Foster says:

"Grand Master Laurie in his address reminds the brethren of the emphatic demonstration made (we believe, in 1879) by the Masons of Nova Scotia. He says:

'It will be remembered that when the French Freemasons declared that belief in a Superior Being was no longer a landmark in Freemasonry, we did not merely protest verbally, but emphasized it in a more practical manner; and, accompanied by nearly one thousand members of Subordinate Lodges, went in formal procession to a place of worship, prior to the opening of the Communication of this Grand Lodge.'

"It was a timely and reverent protest against 'false doctrine, heresy, and schism,' which the Grand Master would like to see adopted as the annual practice."

M. W. Benjamin R. Harris, Grand Master, Jackson.
R. W. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, Nashville.
Lodges, 411; M. Masons, 15,434.

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## TEXAS—1883.

The 48th Annual Communication was held at Houston, Dec. 11, 1883, R. W. Bro. W. H. Nicholls as Grand Master in the Grand East.

Grand Master Stewart's address was presented in his absence by P. G. Master, Mott. Our Representative, R. W. Bro. Bringhurst, was in his place—and as G. Secretary.

The Grand Master said :—

"It gives me especial pleasure to tell you, that from the information I have received during the past year, I am impressed with the belief that Freemasonry has been advancing, not so much in accessions to the various Lodges as it has in the inculcation and maintenance of those principles upon which we strive to erect the character of the perfect man. Much, very much, yet remains to be done in this direction, enough can never be done, but now that you have met to renew pledges and to draw designs for future work, may our Supreme Grand Master implant in your hearts a fixed purpose to labor for greater purity, and a more enlarged and practical benevolence in our Order.

"At a stated communication of a Lodge, a question arose in regard to the disposition of some money belonging to the Lodge, and some of the members declining to vote, the W. M. ruled that "all the members of the Lodge present must vote." I sustained the W. M. in his ruling, holding that within the Ancient Charges and Regulations of the Order, the Edicts and Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws of his own Lodge, the authority of the M. W. in his Lodge is supreme, and that he might exercise the power of requiring every member of his Lodge who was present to vote on a pending question.

"An impression exists that when a party has applied to a Lodge for initiation and has been rejected by one or more black balls, and has waited the required time to apply again to the Lodge which rejected him, but has removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and is residing within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, that the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, can confer the Degrees upon him if it chooses to do so, without first obtaining the consent of the Lodge which rejected him. In several instances I have been called upon to decide this question and I have held that a Lodge which rejects a candidate thereby acquires jurisdiction over him, and that no other Lodge has the right to confer a Degree upon him, without first obtaining a waiver of jurisdiction from the Lodge which rejected him."

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of 337 departed brethren who died during the Masonic year. This sounds like an enormous death roll, but in Texas Masonry is very strong, numbering no less than 17,514, spread over 34 Masonic districts. and divided among 584 Lodges.

The Committee on Correspondence occupy only 67 pages in a volume of 467! Nova Scotia is fraternally but shortly noticed—we had written 'curtly,' but take heed to what Bro. Gillaspie says :

"At last our task is finished. Whether it will he pronounced well or not we cannot now say, but in any event, will any brother blame us for the sigh of relief that escaped us?

"The writer hereof has just made his entry, so to speak, into the great Masonic world, and though a mark to be shot at, he hopes the brethren will load their pieces as charitably as possible. The only idea which has sustained the Entered Apprentice in this most hazardous and laborious undertaking was the fact that all things are transitory and sooner or later the Masters will pass away and then there must be some one to take their stations."

M. W. Grand Master, W. H. Nicholls, Galveston.
M. W. Grand Secretary, G. H. Bringhurst, Houston.

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## UTAH—1884.

This Grand Lodge met in Annual Communication for the thirteenth time, at Salt Lake City, on January 15th, 1884, M. W. Bro. Philip Henry Emerson, Grand Master, presiding, and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary. The representatives of 32 American Grand Lodges were present, among them R. W. Bro. Benjamin Bachman, representing Nova Scotia.

Every Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction was represented. What other Grand Lodge can say "me too!" to this?

The Grand Master delivered a very able address. He begins.

"Another Masonic year has drawn to a close. We have passed another milestone on our onward journey. We have turned another leaf of the volume of our existence. Let us first inscribe on its fair page our grateful acknowledgment to the Grand Master of all, for His tender mercies and loving care, which has been our shield and defence during the year past, and invoke a continuance of His rich blessings, and humbly implore His gracious aid and assistance in our deliberations; that we may be animated by the true Masonic spirit of love and fraternity, and that our beloved Order may be fostered and its good promoted by wise and conservative legislation.

"Death, that great leveler of all human distinction, has not thrown his dark shadow athwart the portals of this Grand Lodge during the year just closed, but his white seal has been set upon ten members of the constituent Lodges during the year.

"It has come to be an acknowled fact, that the Reports on Correspondence, written, as they usually are, by the best mentally equipped men in their respective jurisdictions and Published with the Proceedings of nearly every Grand Lodge

in the country, have had a greater influence than any other one thing in advancing the Masonic art in America.

"There is not a page of the report of our own committee but what contains matter of interest to every member of the craft. Bro. Diehl, our chairman, ranks among the best of Masonic reviewers. His work is performed with such admirable skill and judgment, that you will not find it 'dry reading.'"

Bro. Diehl, you deserve all you get here, and more, too!

We wish our W. Masters to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the following:

"The Master of a Lodge should be a studious and thoughtful man, and above all a man fruitful in resource. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his flock begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme to put into operation some plan by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The Lodge room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of every-day, active business life. Every Mason should regard his Lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow men increased and strengthened. Does business annoy him or financial disaster threaten, he here learns that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth or honor. Is he discouraged and disheartened by the repeated instances of dishonesty and peculation in high places, in the world around him, he is here encouraged and strengthed by the fact that Masonry not only teaches but demands of her thousands of votaries everywhere, and by a constant symbol, to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man, and act upon the square in all their dealings. From under such teachings a reflective mind comes out, strong and self-reliant, ready to fight life's battles and gain honor in the conflict. As one means to so desirable an end, I would suggest that as often as time will permit, when the Masters make the usual inquiry, if any brother has any thing to say for the good of Masonry, that it be something more than formally done. Insist upon something being said upon the subject of Masonry. If found necessary, go to some brother before Lodge night, and tell him that you shall call upon him, and he must be prepared, if only for a five minutes' talk. Invite others to express either their assent or dissent to what has been said, and you would soon be surprised at the readiness with which your call would be answered, as well as at the general increase of knowledge upon Masonic subjects."

The Grand Master thus deals with Grand Lodge representatives who treat their position with unwarrantable indifference:

"Several Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, not attending to their duties, light as they are, I have caused their removal, and have procured the appointment of others in their places."

An attempt was made to reduce the fee for the three degrees from seventy-five dollars to fifty, but the proposed amendment to the constitution was lost, and seventy-five dollars is still the order of the day.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of Bro. Diehl, who deals out justice to each with impartial hand. Fifty-two Grand Lodges are reviewed, Nova Scotia for 1883 among the rest.

In noticing us, he says:

"The Rev. Bro. D. C. Moore, chairman of the Committee, presented an able and interesting report on correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges, including Utah for 1883.

"Speaking of Grand Representatives, reminds us of Bro. Frederick Leavitt, Utah's representative near Nova Scotia—where is he, Bro. Moore? In former years our mutual correspondence was regular, but for the last three years we have not heard anything of him. What has become of the brother?"

The same question *mutatis mutandis* might be asked by other Grand Lodges, concerning their representatives, several of whom, to our knowledge, have not put in even an appearance at Grand Lodge for years. Grand Master Emerson hits the nail on the head.

Grand Master, W. W. Bro. James Lowe.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl.

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## VERMONT—1883.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont convened in its 91st Annual Communication, in the City of Burlington, June 13th, 1883.

The Grand Master, Lucius C. Butler, presented an annual address of some length, but one that would well repay an attentive and careful perusal. From it we are gratified to learn that the preceding year has been one of general prosperity in the Lodges in Vermont, an increase in membership, and harmony every where prevailing. A case occurred of unwitting violation of Masonic comity by a Vermont Lodge which had conferred degrees upon two persons who had been rejected in a Massachusetts Lodge, and who, by the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the latter State, could not be received in any

Massachusetts Lodge. The Grand Master discusses this question in a broad spirit, and shows that the Grand Lodge of Vermont has invariably upheld the same rule. The matter was properly adjusted without any difficulty. The Grand Master argues with some plausibility and with a strong backing of authority that a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues should not, on being restored to full membership, be required to pay arrears of dues for the period during which he was suspended. The Grand Lodge did not support this position however. This doctrine differs from the usage of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and of several other Grand Bodies, and is worthy of study and consideration. A few decisions are given, with none of which could we disagree.

The fraternal dead are affectionately alluded to. He reports large accessions to the archives of the Grand Lodge, which are carefully preserved and arranged so as to be accessible to the Student in Masonry.

During the previous year the Grand Master had decided "that the number necessary to transact the business of the Lodge was *seven*." The Committee on the address declined to approve of this judgment, and the matter was discussed and the Grand Lodge finally disapproved of the doctrine thus enunciated. The Grand Master admits that "work" such as "passing" and "raising" may be properly done when *three* members only are present, but the financial transactions, admission of members and routine business, can be transacted only when *seven* members are present. It would certainly be inadvisable that such business should be done with less than *seven* members, but whether it would be absolutely unconstitutional so to do, is doubtful.

A serious case of Territorial Invasion is reported. On the 29th day of July, more than 1000 people of the Queen's Dominions took possession of territory in Vermont and proceeded wilfully, being abetted therein by "several hundred of the Masonic sons and fair daughters of Vermont," to enjoy the "balmy air and cool breezes of the Green Mountain State." The Grand Master recommends reprisals, and urges his brethren to "invade in a like manner the jurisdiction of Quebec," and not to be outdone in pleasure and fraternal enjoyment by the genial visitors so heartily welcomed on the occasion referred to.

A few such territorial invasions must do a vast amount of good. It is delightful to note that Vermont enjoys abundant financial prosperity. We congratulate and envy you your prosperity. We would like, did time and space permit, to quote at large from the excellent admonitions and eloquent conclusion of this very able and thoughtful address—one of the best we have ever perused; but we can merely call attention to it as one well worthy perusal and study. A presentation of a gold watch and chain was made to P. G. M. Butler, as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held. To this splendid gift the honored brother suitably and feelingly responded.

An able review of Foreign Correspondence is presented, in which Nova Scotia is briefly noticed.

No. of Lodges, 102; of Members, 7,739.

Grand Master, M. W. O. Meacham.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Wm. H. Root.

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## VIRGINIA—1883.

The 10th Grand Annual Communication was begun in the City of Richmond 10th Dec., A. D., 1883, M. W. Reuben Murrell Page, Grand Master, on the Throne.

R. W. Bro. W. S. Spottiswood, our Representative, does not appear to have been present.

The following is worthy of note in the Grand Master's address:

"I decided that in all Masonic trials, even if there be a confession of guilt, the ballot must first be had upon the question of the guilt of the accused; in other words, no one can be declared guilty of a Masonic offence except by the formal and solemn ballot of the brethren.

"I desire to call the especial attention of the brethren of this Jurisdiction to the admirable reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Right Worshipful Brother William F. Drinkard, chairman ot the committee. Those of our brethren who fail to read these reports, not only lose much that is instructive, in our Art, but deprive themselves of real pleasure. They reflect credit not only upon the accomplished brother by whom they are prepared, but upon this Grand Lodge. They only who have access to the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions know the word of commendation that these reports elicit."

We beg leave respectfully to say that the G. Master's praise of

Brother Drinkard's report is not at all too strong, in our humble estimation. We have been delighted in reading it. He calls our report "very brief," and so it is in comparison with his, which is half as long again. From Grand Master Laurie's report is quoted the reference to his visit to England—as interesting. How can the Old Dominion help being interested in the New and in the Mother of us both? It is with real fraternal sorrow that we find 135 names under the head "In MEMORIAM," and among them the Grand Treasurer, R. W. O. M. Marshall. May the next death roll be shorter. There are 227 Lodges and 9053 Master Masons, it is true, but the scythe has cut a heavy swathe!

M. W. Bro. H. W. Murray, Grand Master, Louisa Court-house.

R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

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## WEST VIRGINIA—1883.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in the City of Wheeling, Feb. 9th, 1883, for the purpose of burying with Masonic honors the body of the late R. W. Grand Treasurer, Isaac H. Williams.

Four other Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones and dedicating Masonic Halls.

The 19th Annual Communication was begun in Wheeling on Nov. 13th, 1883, with a full attendance of Grand Officers and representatives. The Grand Master, M. W. W. H. Flick, presented an address from which we learn that the past year has been a prosperous and harmonious one. The great loss sustained in the death of Grand Treasurer Williams is deplored, and a tribute paid to his respected memory. A large amount of routine business was transacted and numerous decisions rendered, some of which would read strangely in Nova Scotia. For instance, "An E. A. who has been initiated for more than four years and who has never applied for advancement has no right to visit a Lodge opened in the first degree."

"The M. M's apron is white, but *it is not illegal* to wear a white apron with blue trimmings, &c., although a plain white apron is in

better taste and more in accordance with Masonic usages." In Nova Scotia the Constitution prescribes the blue trimming.

No. Lodges, 81; of members, 3,500.

Grand Master, Wm. G. Bennett.

Grand Secretary, O. S. Long (re-elected.)

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## WASHINGTON—1883.

The 26th Annual Communication was held at Seattle, 6th June, 1883.

M. W. Jos. A. Kuhn, Grand Master, in the chair.

Brother Elwood Evans, our Representative, is not reported present.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed in an address, of which we give the end:

"Then thrice welcome one and all ye workers for the good. Thrice welcome ye men who meet upon the level, act uprightly and who part upon the square, for your work is bound by no narrow creed or worn out faith. May what you do here be well done is the sincere wish of all good people of our Queen city. Once more one and all—welcome."

Grand Orator Ziegler responded:

"On behalf the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, I now arise to return the thanks of the brethren in Grand Lodge assembled to the brethren and citizens of this beautiful city of the Pacific, for the cordial welcome, the generous hospitalities and sumptuous faring we enjoy at their hands.

"Scarce one quarter of a century has elapsed since the foot prints of civilization first impressed the virgin soil; when the cot of the pioneer stood side by side by the wig-wam of the savage, when the monotony of the primitive forest was disturbed only by the war-whoops of the savage and the dull, measured stroke of the first woodman's axe, and when the terrifying howls of the native savages and the screams of the wild beasts of the field conspired to make night hideous to the ears of man. Scarce two decades have passed and we now behold on the shores of this beautiful sea a prosperous and thriving city of near ten thousand souls, teeming with industry and enterprise."

From the Grand Master's decisions we give the following:

"Is a person eligible for the degrees of Masonry whose right arm is almost useless through the ignorance of a surgeon in treating a fracture, he being perfectly independent and capable of making his own way, and being eligible in all other

respects, would this misfortune bar the door against him? Such a person is ineligible.

"A person applying for degrees of Masonry, his creed being that of a Quaker, and they will not swear, but instead they affirm, should we confer the degrees upon such a person? Oaths are only binding when conscientiously taken, and any form of an obligation that does not bind the conscience of a man is without force, hence if the creed of a man is such that he cannot conscientiously comply with our ceremonies, his oath would not be binding. Masonry does not attempt to interfere with the peculiar religious faith of any of its members, except so far as a belief in God. It does, however, require all who seek admission into its mysteries to conform to all its usages and ceremonies. If your aspirant has such religious scruples that he cannot comply with our established ceremonies he cannot be received."

Under the head of Foreign Correspondence, Nova Scotia is kindly and fraternally noticed—and a compliment is paid to our Report—thanks! We can return it in all sincerity—for yours is double the length of ours—and quite as "well written." Grand Master Taylor's address is justly considered to be "characterized by clearness and candor throughout."

M. W. Grand Master, Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla.

R. W. Grand Secretary, T. Milburne Reed.

Lodges, 42; Master Masons, 1390.

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## WISCONSIN—1883.

Grand Lodge met in the City of Milwaukee, 12 June, 1883.

W. M. Grand Master, L. E. Reed, presiding.

Brother Watts was present as P. S. G. W., but not as our representative as reported. We are glad he was there, however.

The Grand Master thus begins his address:

"Thirty-nine times the Grand Master of heaven and earth has permitted the representatives of Wisconsin Masons to meet in Annual Communication around this sacred altar, with its open Bible, to consult together for the best interests of the Craft in their several jurisdictions. For this privilege let our thanks go out to Him from the bottom of our hearts. And before engaging in the undertaking now before us, we should ask His blessing upon it, with the same spirit and sincerity it was invoked when we took our FIRST step in Masonry."

And continues:

"The peaceful relations that have prevailed among the nations of the earth during the past year are characteristic of the happy relations that have existed between the other grand jurisdictions of the globe and ourselves. Nothing has occurred to my knowledge to disturb the tranquility and harmony with our brethren everywhere."

He decides:

"That to grant a dispensation to 'institute' a lodge of another order in a Masonic Hall is not in accordance with Masonic usage.

"That a candidate unable to kneel at the altar, according to the requirements of the ritual, or to comply with the ritual at the altar, though permitted without the Master's knowledge of his physical disability to proceed that far, was properly refused further progress."

At a Special Communication held at Ripon, Aug. 15, 1882, for the purpose of dedicating the new Hall of Ripon Lodge, No. 95. The Grand Master gave another address from which we extract:

"The popular favor into which Masonry has grown has advantages of a striking character. We are not compelled, as our predecessors were fifty years ago, by fears of riotous violence, or in consideration for popular prejudice, to celebrate our rights in obscure retreats, to which access was sought by circuitous and secret ways and under the beneficent cover of darkness. Now we hold our Lodges in the most convenient quarters of populous towns and cities; and with every publicity which does not jeopard their traditional mysteries. Our parades and processions often occupy the streets. The rites of our Order are invoked to celebrate the construction of buildings for public uses. We go to the churches to commemorate our anniversaries. We follow our dead to their last resting places, and commend them to their final sleep with ceremonies framed for the purpose by Masonic scholars, sages and Christians. Our powers and means of usefulness have increased with our numbers. We are able to extend our charities more widely and to increase their efficiency. Our principles, and the radiant morality which Masonry instils, are more generally brought before the communities in which our Lodges are established, and a vastly greater number are bound in the ties of our confraternity and live in its congenial and lovely fellowship. Its beneficent influences extend through all ranks of society; its culture, its social graces, and its sweet and fair humanities are among the brightest and best ornaments of our civilization.

"The dangers and disadvantages caused by this vast popularity are also great and numerous. Unworthy men are attracted to our Order and solicit membership, and they do not always solicit in vain. Men of immoral character and illicit pursuits, designing men, dishonest men, cheats and adventurers, in cunning disguises and under false pretexts, glide into the throngs pressing for admission through our doorways, and they are not always detected before they have effected an entrance. The great body of Masons have lost, or they never had that zeal,

that heartiness and devotion which inspired the Order when it was maligned, proscribed, outlawed, persecuted by the churches, and attacked by one of the most cunning, courageous and powerful political combinations which ever existed in the nation. Masonry now requires no sacrifices; it entails no loss of station or social rank; it is not unpopular, and it is therefore lightly valued, like all possessions which cost but little, which are easily kept, and in which the multitude have a share and ownership. The symbols of Masonry are too commonly employed. Its technical and mystic language is made vulgar and a bye-word, and mingles in the slang of the curb-stone and the market. Its sanctities are idly invoked, and are prostituted to base and ignoble uses. Vagabonds gain a precarious livelihood by retailing its degrees, and by inventing and conferring irregular and unlicensed Orders as auxiliary or supplementary to those of our craft. Tramps and deadbeats give us its grips, and rob our generosity in its name. Hypocrisy wears its mask; demogogues abuse it, and make it the agent of intrigue; imposture steals its signals, and mean men and bad men bring reproach upon it.

"For these evils there may be no complete and radical cure. Religion itself suffers from hypocrites, from pretenders, from speculators, from false lights, from paraders, from idle forms, from the reign of vanity and of fools to falsehood and error. Probably nothing short of a general persecution, like that of Nero, would be efficient in restoring it to its Gospel and pristine purity. That belief, that system, that order upon which prosperity smiles, which meets everywhere the applause of the world, in which profit, honor and success are the rewards, is inevitably, sooner or later, in its early or remoter periods, beset by corruption and impregnated with the seeds of rottenness. Masonry cannot hope to escape this universal human law. It is probable that misfortune, disaster, proscription, hostile laws would alone be sufficient to restore Masonry to that purity in which it existed a half century ago. But our mission is no less before us. It is our highest and appointed duty to labor for the eradication of the abuses which we witness, and to use for that end all means in our power."

Another Special Communication was held at Platteville, July 4, 1882, to lay the corner stone of a new Masonic Building.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report from Bro. Chapin, but perhaps his is a new sppointment altogether.

Lodges, 198; Master Masons, 11,903.

M. W. Grand Master, Lewis E. Reed, Ripon.

R. W. Grand Sec'y, John W. Laflin, P. O., Milwaukee.

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## WYOMING—1883.

The Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was convened in the town of Evanston, Oct. 9,

1883, at 10 o'clock, a. m., M. W. Bro. John K. Jeffrey, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Symons, Grand Secretary, being both present.

We look for our Representative, W. Bro. Orlando North, and find him faithful to the trust reposed in him—at the post of duty, as Grand Representatives always should be.

The Grand Master's address is short, but really good what there is of it, and we give our brethren the following extracts :

"The rapid growth of Masonry all over the civilized world is a strong argumen in favor of its advantages and its power for good ; intelligent men do not generally devote their time, talents and means to any institution, unless they expect a return of some kind, and some benefits either mentally, morally or in some other way.

"Charity, that word so often used but seldom understood, is the very foundation of our order.

"An institution which will elevate man mentally and morally, which teaches us to sympathize with distressed humanity, whose lessons continually remind us of our duty towards our fellow-man and whose principal tenets are Faith, Hope and Charity, that charity which extends beyond the grave to the boundless realms of eternity, is certainly calculated to attract the attention and challenge the admiration of all civilized men."

The Grand Secretary presents a carefully prepared report of the doings of his office for the past year.

Being himself the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in order to expedite the appearance of the Proceedings, he had found it necessary to engage the services of a brother, competent in educational ability and at the same time well skilled in Masonic Jurisprudence to assist him. He says in this connection :

"Preparing a review on foreign correspondence is no light task. It imposes upon the writer the necessity of carefully reading thousands of pages of printed matter, and of selecting or commenting only upon such matters as he thinks may be of interest and profit to the brethren of his own jurisdiction. This report will contain information from the four quarters of the globe, well calculated to enlighten and entertain any Mason in search of "more light in Masonry," and I assure the brethren that if they carefully peruse the same they will be amply rewarded for their time and labor."

The Territory of Wyoming has a population of about 21,000. Grand Lodge has under its obedience 5 Subordinate Lodges and 398 Master Masons.

The Grand Secretary is paid three hundred dollars a year for his services. We congratulate R. W. Bro. Symons on the fact that although having only five Lodges to deal with, his educational qualifications and literary labor, are duly appreciated by the members of his Grand Lodge.

The review on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Bro. McIntyre, for his friend the Committee. It covers sixty-five pages of closely printed matter and contains an able review of 36 of the 55 Amerian Grand Lodges. Nova Scotia not included. We regret our absence from the volume before us, but hope for better luck next time.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Laramie City Oct. 14, 1884.

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## CALIFORNIA—1883

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California at its 34th Annual Communication in San Francisco on Oct. 13th, 1883, forms a bulky volume of 532 pages..

Grand Master Clay Webster Taylor delivered a lengthy and very able review of Masonic work in California and elsewhere, which merits careful perusal. Since the last Grand Communication P. G. M., M. W. Taylor died—a great loss to to the Craft. He was "a true Mason, friend and brother—one of God's noblemen." During the year several important Special Grand Communications were held to lay corner stones of Churches, buildings of a Masonic and Municipal character, and particularly the Garfield Monument in San Francisco. His replies to many questions of Masonic usage and law are exceptionally judicious. A number of official visits are reported.

The Grand Secretary presented an admirable report of the extensive work of his department.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Bodies including Nova Scotia: a work of great thoroughness, fairness and fullness.

No more complete compendium of information on the work of the year throughout the world has been furnished than by the very industrious and judicious Committee of California.

On Thursday, Oct. 11th, the Grand Lodge was convened to hear an address from Grand Orator the W. Henry E. Highton, who spoke with great force and eloquence upon the true meaning and object of human life and the dangers and necessities of modern society and the relation of Masonry thereto. This instructive oration was characterized by intense thought and originality, at once philosphical and interesting, elevated in conception and sincere and earnest in style.

A large volume of important business was transacted.

Prosperity and progress seem characteristic of Masonry in California.

No. of Lodges, 270 ; of members, 13,579.

Grand Master, M. W. J. Doan Hines.

Grand Secretary, R. W. A. G. Abell (re-elected.)

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## ILLINOIS—1883.

The 44th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, began in Chicago, Oct. 20, 1883 ; M. W. Daniel M. Browning, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Chaplain's prayer is published in full. We are obliged to admit that it is an eloquent and thoughtful production, but we do not approve of publishing such efforts.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the brethren who have died during the year, both of his own and other jurisdictions, among them particularly—T. M. Pomeroy, P. G. M. of Montana ; Cornelius Moore of Ontario ; Oscar Marshall, Grand Treasurer of Virginia, and Thos. C. Ready, P. G. M. of Missouri. He made a number of official visitations and constituted several new Lodges. He, by a circular issued on May 19th, 1883, condemned the use of Masonic matter to give character to business advertisements of various kinds ; and very properly directed Secretaries and officers of Masonic Lodges to refuse to furnish names of members or other information for such publication.

A full account of the defalcation, trial and conviction of John F. Burrill, Past Grand Secretary, for defrauding the Grand Lodge, is published. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, and of course expelled from the Craft. It is a sad story.

A pleasant interchange of civilities between the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Kentucky, took place on the occasion of the introduction of Past G. M., E. H. Guilbert of Iowa, and Past G. M., Robert Morris of Kentucky, to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, the Committee, presents an excellent report upon Foreign Grand Bodies, in which Nova Scotia is fraternally mentioned.

No. of Lodges, 763; of Members, 44,000.

Grand Master, Daniel M. Browning (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, Loyal L. Munn.

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## IOWA—1883.

The Grand Lodge of Iown met in Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 1883. The Grand Master, Geo. B. Van Saun, called the brethren to order, when Bro. John T. Stoneman formally welcomed the Grand Lodge to the City, to which the G. M. appropriately replied.

314 Lodges were represented, and 382 members of Grand Lodge were in attendance.

The Grand Master's address shows that fifteen new Lodges had received Charters during the year, and several corner-stones of Masonic and Public Buildings were laid with Masonic ceremonial, and several Lodge rooms were dedicated. Dispensations for eighteen Lodges were issued. The Grand Lodge congratulates itself upon becoming the possessor of the priceless Bower Library for four thousand dollars, so that the Grand Lodge of Iowa now owns the largest and best Masonic Library in the land, if not in the world. He urges the propriety of immediately providing a fire-proof Library Building in which to preserve these invaluable records. The Librarian's report, and that of the Library Committee, as may be expected, are of unusual interest. An extensive catalogue of works received during the year is appended. The Grand Lodge decided to construct a suitable Library building.

An able report on Jurisprudence was presented. The report on Correspondence by Grand Secretary Parvin is marked as usual by all his candor, talent and learning. It is thorough, kindly and spicy. He devotes to Nova Scotia about three and a half pages of genial

but not invariably conclusive reasoning. He criticises the view of Grand Master Laurie, that because a Lodge had lost its Charter by fire that therefore the Lodge could not constitutionally work until the Charter was renewed by the Grand Lodge. "It held its authority to work from the Grand Lodge, and the burned Charter was only the evidence of the authority, and when such evidence is lost it is a very easy matter to replace it."

In all his observations, R. W. Bro. Parvin speaks like a man who had positive opinions on every subject which comes before him, and no more interesting Masonic reading can be found in any one Grand Lodge Report, than the impartial and complete review of Masonic work contained in the Proceedings of Iowa. In the face of such a monument of talent and patience, we enviously and despairingly close our brief review of Iowa with congratulations and good wishes.

No. of Lodges, 394; of Members, 19,715.

Grand Master, Geo. B. Van Saun (re-elected.)

Grand Secretary, T. S. Parvin (re-elected.)

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## MISSOURI—1883.

The 63rd Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri convened in St. Louis Oct. 9th, 1883.

Rev. C. C. Woods, D. D., Grand Master, presided, and representives of 204 Lodges were present, besides many Past Grand officers and present officers of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address refers feelingly to the departed brethren "who uncomplainingly have toiled as bearers of burdens. Their memories are most precious—their names like ointment poured out." Dispensations to lay corner stones were granted in ten instances and to Lodges to move into new halls in a large number of others. The whole address is business like, clear and succinct, but dealing with local matters almost entirely. The Grand Treasurer's report shews the sum of $15,097.63 cash on hand and all the reports shew that the Grand Lodge and Masonry generally in the jurisdiction are in a prosperous condition. A large number of valuable and interesting committee reports were presented on a great variety of subjects. The able Secretary of Grand Lodge, R. W. Dr. Vincil, presented a com-

prehensive report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges in a free, hearty, and original style, displaying great vigor and independence of character and a vast amount of Masonic learning.

On every subject and concerning the affairs of every Grand Lodge, Dr. Vincil's observations are worthy of study and reflection.

No. Lodges, 522, of members, 24,594.

Grand Master, L. A. Hall, St. Louis.

Grand Secretary, Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D., (re-elected.)

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. MOORE,
T. B. FLINT, } *Committee.*
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